

# ELBIT SYSTEMS REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2015 RESULTS

Backlog of orders at \$6.4 billion; Revenues at \$765 million; Non-GAAP net income of \$62.3 million; GAAP net income of \$49.7 million; Non-GAAP net EPS of \$1.46; GAAP net EPS of \$1.16

Haifa, Israel, November 11, 2015 – Elbit Systems Ltd. (the "Company") (NASDAQ and TASE: ESLT), the international high technology company, reported today its consolidated results for the quarter ended September 30, 2015.

In this release, the Company is providing US-GAAP results as well as additional non-GAAP financial data, which are intended to provide investors a more comprehensive understanding and material insight of the Company's business results and trends. The third quarter results include for the first time the impact of the Company's acquisition of the cyber and intelligence business from Nice. The financial results of such acquisition place emphasis on certain non-GAAP measures, and the Company has adopted in this release the commonly used format of presenting non-GAAP measures before the applicable GAAP measures. Unless otherwise stated, all financial data presented is GAAP financial data. For non-GAAP financial measures and reconciliation see pages 3 and 4 below.

#### **Management Comment:**

**Bezhalel (Butzi) Machlis, President and CEO of Elbit Systems**, commented: "We are pleased with our third quarter results, in particular our close to 6% growth in revenues, as well as our long-term trend of improving profitability, demonstrating that our business remains on solid footing. Our growth was driven in part by our ongoing increase in backlog, which has continued over the past three years, and by the acquisition of the cyber and intelligence business from Nice. The improvements in profitability were supported by our focus on efficient operations, leveraging synergies between our various divisions, as well as a favorable exchange rate environment.

Our results in the third quarter reflect a strong performance in Asia-Pacific, driven by increased defense spending in this region over the past few years. We are also witnessing a growing renewal of interest for our technologies and operational solutions in Europe, which creates the potential for future growth in this important market."

#### Third quarter 2015 results:

**Revenues** in the third quarter of 2015 were \$764.8 million, as compared to \$722.7 million in the third quarter of 2014, a growth of 5.8% mainly due to growth in revenues of land systems to Asia-Pacific. This growth was partially offset by a decrease in our C4ISR systems sold to Latin America customers.

**Non-GAAP gross profit** amounted to \$233.5 million (30.5% of revenues) in the third quarter of 2015, as compared to \$208.4 million (28.8% of revenues) in the third quarter of 2014. **GAAP gross profit** in the third quarter of 2015 was \$223.3 million (29.2% of revenues), as compared to \$203.0 million (28.1% of revenues) in the third quarter of 2014. The increase in the gross profit rate was mainly due to the mix of programs sold in the quarter and operational improvements.



**Research and development expenses, net** were \$61.0 million (8.0% of revenues) in the third quarter of 2015, as compared to \$55.8 million (7.7% of revenues) in the third quarter of 2014.

**Marketing and selling expenses, net** were \$60.6 million (7.9% of revenues) in the third quarter of 2015, as compared to \$51.8 million (7.2% of revenues) in the third quarter of 2014.

**General and administrative expenses, net** were \$36.4 million (4.8% of revenues) in the third quarter of 2015, as compared to \$35.3 million (4.9% of revenues) in the third quarter of 2014.

**Non-GAAP operating income** was \$80.3 million (10.5% of revenues) in the third quarter of 2015, as compared to \$70.8 million (9.8% of revenues) in the third quarter of 2014. **GAAP operating income** in the third quarter of 2015 was \$65.3 million (8.5% of revenues), as compared to \$60.1 million (8.3% of revenues) in the third quarter of 2014.

**Financial expenses, net** were \$6.1 million in the third quarter of 2015, as compared to \$23.4 million in the third quarter of 2014. The relatively high finance expenses in the third quarter of 2014 resulted primarily from the accelerated depreciation of the New Israeli Shekel related to the Company's U.S. Dollar derivative activities as well as the impact of exchange rate differences on balance sheet items.

**Taxes on income** were \$10.3 million (effective tax rate of 17.3%) in the third quarter of 2015, as compared to \$0.1 million in the third quarter of 2014. The lower tax rate in the third quarter of 2014 was mainly as a result of settlement of tax audits, including adjustments for prior years, in some of the Company's subsidiaries in Israel and the mix of the tax rates in the various jurisdictions in which the Company's entities generate taxable income.

**Equity in net earnings of affiliated companies and partnerships** was \$1.7 million in the third quarter of 2015, as compared to of \$1.0 million in the third quarter of 2014.

**Net income attributable to non-controlling interests** was \$1.0 million in the third quarter of 2015, as compared to \$2.9 million in the third quarter of 2014.

**Non-GAAP** net income attributable to the Company's shareholders in the third quarter of 2015 was \$62.3 million (8.1% of revenues), as compared to \$43.9 million (6.1% of revenues) in the third quarter of 2014. **GAAP** net income attributable to the Company's shareholders in the third quarter of 2015 was \$49.7 million (6.5% of revenues), as compared to \$35.0 million (4.8% of revenues) in the third quarter of 2014.

**Non-GAAP diluted net earnings per share ("EPS") attributable to the Company's shareholders** were \$1.46 for the third quarter of 2015, as compared with \$1.03 for the third quarter of 2014. **GAAP diluted** EPS attributable to the Company's shareholders in the third quarter of 2015 were \$1.16, as compared to \$0.82 for the third quarter of 2014.

**The Company's backlog of orders** as of September 30, 2015, totaled \$6.4 billion as compared to \$6.2 billion as of September 30, 2014. Approximately 68% of the current backlog is attributable to orders from outside Israel. Approximately 48% of the current backlog is scheduled to be performed during the last quarter of 2015 and during 2016.

**Cash flow from operating activities** for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, was \$255.7 million, as compared to \$0.2 million used for operating activities in the nine months ended September 30, 2014.



#### Non-GAAP financial data:

The following non-GAAP financial data is presented to enable investors to have additional information on the Company's business performance as well as a further basis for periodical comparisons and trends relating to the Company's financial results. The Company believes such data provides useful information to investors by facilitating more meaningful comparisons of the Company's financial results over time. Such non-GAAP information is used by the Company's management to make strategic decisions, forecast future results and evaluate the Company's current performance. However, investors are cautioned that, unlike financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP, non-GAAP measures may not be comparable with the calculation of similar measures for other companies.

The non-GAAP financial data includes adjustments regarding non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP diluted EPS. In preparing these non-GAAP measures, the Company factors out certain items that have a non-recurring impact on the income statements, various non-cash items, significant effects of retroactive tax legislation and changes in accounting guidance and other items, which in management's judgment, are items that are considered to be outside of the review of core operating results. The table below presents a reconciliation between these non-GAAP financial measures and the most directly comparable GAAP measures.

These non-GAAP measures are not based on any comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles. The Company believes that non-GAAP measures have limitations in that they do not reflect all of the amounts associated with the Company's results of operations, as determined in accordance with GAAP, and that these measures should only be used to evaluate the Company's results of operations in conjunction with the corresponding GAAP measures. Investors should consider non-GAAP financial measures in addition to, and not as replacements for or superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Investors are encouraged to review the Company financial statements and publicly-filed reports in their entirety and not to rely on any single financial measure.



### Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP (Unaudited) Supplemental Financial Data:

(US Dollars in millions)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			Three Months Ended September 30,		
-	2015	2014	2015	2014	2014	
GAAP gross profit	643.7	595.6	223.3	203.0	825.1	
Adjustments:						
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	20.8	16.2	10.2	5.4	21.7	
Non-GAAP gross profit	664.5	611.8	233.5	208.4	846.8	
Percent of revenues	29.9%	29.0%	30.5%	28.8%	28.6%	
GAAP operating income	190.6	182.6	65.3	60.1	246.9	
Adjustments:						
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	34.5	32.3	15.0	10.7	43.0	
Gain from changes in holdings		(6.0)		_	(6.0)	
Non-GAAP operating income	225.1	208.9	80.3	70.8	283.9	
Percent of revenues	10.1%	9.9%	10.5%	9.8%	9.6%	
GAAP net income attributable to Elbit Systems' shareholders	139.5	127.0	49.7	35.0	171.0	
Adjustments:						
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	34.5	32.3	15.0	10.7	43.0	
Gain from changes in holdings		(6.0)	_	_	(6.0)	
Related tax benefits	(5.8)	(5.1)	(2.4)	(1.8)	(6.9)	
Non-GAAP net income attributable to Elbit Systems' shareholders	168.2	148.2	62.3	43.9	201.1	
Percent of revenues	7.6%	7.0%	8.1%	6.1%	6.8%	
Non-GAAP diluted net EPS*	3.94	3.47	1.46	1.03	4.71	

<sup>\*</sup> GAAP diluted net EPS is presented below in the Consolidated Statements of Income table on page 9.



#### Recent Events:

**On July 1, 2015,** the Company announced, further to its announcement of May 21, 2015 that it completed the acquisition of the Nice's Cyber and Intelligence business. The results of the acquired activities were included in the Company's 2015 third quarter consolidated results.

On August 16, 2015, the Company announced that it was awarded an approximately \$27 million contract for the supply of command and control systems and ATMOS long-range artillery systems to an Asia-Pacific country. This contract is a follow-on contract for this customer and will be performed over a three-year period.

On August 27, 2015, the Company announced that it was awarded an Israeli Ministry of Public Security and the Israeli Police contract, valued at approximately \$115 million, to supply leasing and maintenance services for the Israeli Police Force's aircraft. The contract, awarded following a public tender, will be performed over a twenty-year period, and will include acquiring six new helicopters, adapting them to meet the Police requirements and performing routine maintenance.

On August 30, 2015, the Company announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, CYBERBIT Ltd. ("CYBERBIT"), was recently awarded two contracts. One of the contracts was awarded by the National Police of a European country, and the second contract was awarded by a law enforcement agency of an African country. Each of the contracts, which are in a total amount that is not material to Elbit Systems, will be performed over a two-year period.

On September 6, 2015, the Company announced that it was awarded a contract from a European country to supply an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)-based cutting-edge intelligence solution. Valued at approximately \$78 million, the contract will be performed over a two-year period by Elbit Systems' ISTAR Division, established several months ago, as a result of combining Elbit Systems' Electro-optics -Elop and UAS Divisions.

**On September 25, 2015,** the Company announced that it was awarded a contract from a customer in the Latin American region, in an amount of approximately \$70 million, for the supply of intelligence integrated systems, for homeland security applications.



#### Dividend:

The Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$0.37 per share for the third quarter of 2015. The dividend's record date is November 22, 2015. The dividend will be paid from income generated as Preferred Income, net of taxes and levies, at the rate of 20%, on December 7, 2015.

#### **Conference Call:**

The Company will be hosting a conference call today, Monday, November 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time. On the call, management will review and discuss the results and will be available to answer questions.

To participate, please call one of the teleconferencing numbers that follow. If you are unable to connect using the toll-free numbers, please try the international dial-in number.

US Dial-in Numbers: 1 888 281 1167 UK Dial-in Number: 0 800 917 9141 ISRAEL Dial-in Number: 03 918 0644 INTERNATIONAL Dial-in Number: +972 3 918 0644

at: 9:00 am Eastern Time; 6:00 am Pacific Time; 2:00 pm UK Time; 4:00 pm Israel Time

This call will also be broadcast live on Elbit Systems' web-site at <a href="http://www.elbitsystems.com">http://www.elbitsystems.com</a>. An online replay will be available from 24 hours after the call ends.

Alternatively, for two days following the call, investors will be able to dial a replay number to listen to the call. The dial-in numbers are:

1 888 326 9310 (US) or +972 3 925 5900 (Israel and International).



#### **About Elbit Systems**

Elbit Systems Ltd. is an international high technology company engaged in a wide range of defense, homeland security and commercial programs throughout the world. The Company, which includes Elbit Systems and its subsidiaries, operates in the areas of aerospace, land and naval systems, command, control, communications, computers, intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance ("C4ISR"), unmanned aircraft systems, advanced electrooptics, electro-optic space systems, EW suites, signal intelligence systems, data links and communications systems, radios and cyber-based systems. The Company also focuses on the upgrading of existing platforms, developing new technologies for defense, homeland security and commercial applications and providing a range of support services, including training and simulation systems. For additional information, visit: <a href="https://www.elbitsystems.com">www.elbitsystems.com</a>.

#### Attachments:

Consolidated balance sheets
Consolidated statements of income
Consolidated statements of cash flow
Consolidated revenue distribution by areas of operation and by geographical regions

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### ELBIT SYSTEMS LTD. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands of US Dollars)

	September 30, 2015			ecember 31, 2014
		Unaudited		Audited
Assets				
Current assets:	ф	170 404	Φ	200 407
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	170,484	\$	200,407
Short-term bank deposits and marketable securities		43,657		105,519
Trade and unbilled receivables, net		913,570		928,757
Other receivables and prepaid expenses Inventories, net of customers advances		165,906		145,562
	_	872,042		868,799
Total current assets		2,165,659		2,249,044
Investments in affiliated companies and partnerships		118,749		125,433
Long-term trade and unbilled receivables		165,333		212,725
Long-term bank deposits and other receivables		19,305		18,081
Deferred income taxes, net		62,305		60,224
Severance pay fund		273,060		276,707
		638,752		693,170
Property, plant and equipment, net		440,916		441,535
Goodwill and other intangible assets, net	_	778,167		637,532
Total assets	\$	4,023,494	\$	4,021,281
Liabilities and Equity				
Short-term bank credit and loans	\$	873	\$	557
Current maturities of long-term loans and Series A Notes		113,373		81,958
Trade payables		349,488		369,659
Other payables and accrued expenses		754,777		758,760
Customer advances in excess of costs incurred on contracts in progress		372,907		413,223
		1,591,418		1,624,157
Long-term loans, net of current maturities		166,669		220,716
Series A Notes, net of current maturities		230,808		293,923
Employee benefit liabilities		388,818		396,639
Deferred income taxes and tax liabilities, net		72,693		68,435
Customer advances in excess of costs incurred on contracts in progress		129,605		120,299
Other long-term liabilities		96,988		58,217
		1,085,581		1,158,229
Elbit Systems Ltd.'s equity		1,335,474		1,226,667
Non-controlling interests		11,021		12,228
Total equity		1,346,495		1,238,895
Total liabilities and equity	\$	4,023,494	\$	4,021,281



### ELBIT SYSTEMS LTD. <u>CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME</u> (In thousands of US Dollars, except for share and per share amount)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,				Three Mor Septen	Year Ended December 31,				
	2015 2014			2015	2014			2014		
	Unaudited			Unaudited				Audited		
Revenues	\$ 2	,221,001	\$ 2	2,107,964	\$	764,775	\$	722,704	\$	2,958,248
Cost of revenues	1	,577,269	1	1,512,407		541,491		519,701		2,133,151
Gross profit	_	643,732		595,557		223,284	_	203,003		825,097
Operating expenses:										
Research and development, net		174,121		156,988		61,004		55,827		228,011
Marketing and selling, net		172,503		157,036		60,606		51,775		216,537
General and administrative, net		106,508		104,840		36,411		35,257		139,634
Other operating income, net		_		(5,951)		_				(5,951)
		453,132		412,913		158,021		142,859		578,231
Operating income		190,600		182,644		65,263	_	60,144	_	246,866
Financial expenses, net		(17,919)		(36,283)		(6,054)		(23,350)		(47,498)
Other income (expenses), net		69		254		(8)		132		120
Income before income taxes		172,750	_	146,615		59,201	_	36,926		199,488
Taxes on income		(30,882)		(16,150)		(10,257)		(105)		(25,624)
		141,868		130,465		48,944	_	36,821		173,864
Equity in net earnings of affiliated companies and partnerships		1,199		3,763		1,690		1,012		5,549
Net income	\$	143,067	\$	134,228	\$	50,634	\$	37,833	\$	179,413
Less: net income attributable to non- controlling interests		(3,542)		(7,227)		(968)		(2,867)		(8,433)
Net income attributable to Elbit Systems Ltd.'s shareholders	\$	139,525	\$	127,001	\$	49,666	\$	34,966	\$	170,980
Earnings per share attributable to Elbit Systematic Basic net earnings per share	ems I	Ltd.'s share	ehol	<u>ders:</u> 2.98	\$	1.16	\$	0.82	\$	4.01
Diluted net earnings per share	\$	3.27	\$	2.98	\$	1.16	\$	0.82	\$	4.01
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Weighted average number of shares (in thouse Shares used in computation of basic earnings per share		<u>s)</u> 42,703		12 616		42 720		12 665		10 651
•	_	42,703	_	42,646	_	42,720	_	42,665	_	42,654
Shares used in computation of diluted earnings per share		42,726		42,669		42,740		42,686		42,677



### ELBIT SYSTEMS LTD. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW (In thousands of US Dollars)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,					Year Ended December 31,		
	2015 2014					2014		
		Unau	dite			Audited		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	,					_		
Net income	\$ 14	43,067	\$	134,228	\$	179,413		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:								
Depreciation and amortization	9	90,618		92,852		122,408		
Stock-based compensation		113		250		322		
Amortization of Series A Notes premium and related issuance costs, net		(69)		(69)		(91)		
Deferred income taxes and reserve, net		5,739		(10,553)		(47,456)		
Loss (gain) on sale of property, plant and equipment		1,329		(2,803)		(3,266)		
Gain on sale of investment		(165)		(5,864)		(4,957)		
Equity in net earnings of affiliated companies and partnerships, net of dividend received (*)	<u>'</u>	21,501		9,235		7,449		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of amounts acquired:								
Decrease (increase) in short and long-term trade receivables, and prepaid expenses	(	58,520		(147,259)		(67,177)		
Decrease (increase) in inventories, net		3,975		(110,366)		(112,747)		
Increase (decrease) in trade payables, other payables and accrued expenses	(	44,532)		37,280		81,687		
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Severance, pension and termination indemnities, net		(3,399)		(10,459)		6,282		
Increase (decrease) in advances received from customers		31,010)		13,332		15,970		
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	2:	55,687		(196)		177,837		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES								
Purchase of property, plant and equipment and other assets	,	59,881)		(42,608)		(71,211)		
Acquisition of subsidiaries and business operations		41,436)		787		787		
Investments in affiliated companies and other companies	(	10,116)		(3,536)		(4,620)		
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		9,381		19,129		24,969		
Proceeds from sale of investments		_		110		110		
Investment in long-term deposits		(127)		(440)		(796)		
Proceeds from sale of long-term deposits		324		426		790		
Investment in short-term deposits and marketable securities	`	53,649)		(77,485)		(89,521)		
Proceeds from sale of short-term deposits and marketable securities		15,402		54,540		59,374		
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(1:	50,102)		(49,077)		(80,118)		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES								
Proceeds from exercise of options		1,410		3,393		3,542		
Repayment of long-term loans		15,502)		(107,566)		(345,839)		
Proceeds from long-term loans		84,050		200,500		376,500		
Repayment of Series A Notes	,	55,532)		(55,532)		(55,532)		
Dividends paid	(:	50,250)		(48,403)		(68,277)		
Change in short-term bank credit and loans, net		316		40,550		557		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(1:	35,508)		32,942		(89,049)		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(	29,923)		(16,331)		8,670		
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	20	00,407		193,737		191,737		
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	\$ 1'	70,484	\$	177,406	\$	200,407		
* Dividend received from affiliated companies and partnerships	\$ 2	22,700	\$	12,998	\$	12,998		



## ELBIT SYSTEMS LTD. DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES

#### **Consolidated Revenues by Areas of Operation:**

Nine Months Ended September 30,

Three Months Ended September 30,

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	2015		2014	<u> </u>	2015	j	2014					
	\$ millions	%	\$ millions	%	\$ millions	%	\$ millions	%				
Airborne systems	888.4	40.0	883.6	41.9	286.8	37.5	304.5	42.1				
Land systems	437.6	19.7	161.5	7.7	169.9	22.2	38.1	5.3				
C4ISR systems	674.4	30.4	808.9	38.4	238.3	31.2	297.8	41.2				
Electro-optic systems	150.8	6.8	182.5	8.7	54.9	7.2	57.2	7.9				
Other (mainly non- defense engineering and production services)	69.8	3.1	71.5	3.3	14.9	1.9	25.1	3.5				
services)							23.1					
Total	2,221.0	100.0	2,108.0	100.0	764.8	100.0	722.7	100.0				

#### **Consolidated Revenues by Geographical Regions:**

Nine Months Ended September 30,

Three Months Ended September 30,

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	2015		2014	ļ	2015	5	2014			
	\$ millions	%								
Israel	438.3	19.7	492.9	23.4	153.6	20.1	161.4	22.3		
North America	619.0	27.9	610.5	29.0	212.3	27.8	200.0	27.7		
Europe	313.2	14.1	308.9	14.6	113.9	14.9	104.4	14.5		
Asia-Pacific	606.8	27.3	346.3	16.4	217.0	28.4	110.9	15.3		
Latin America	222.3	10.0	311.5	14.8	60.9	7.9	140.5	19.4		
Other countries	21.4	1.0	37.9	1.8	7.1	0.9	5.5	0.8		
Total	2,221.0	100.0	2,108.0	100.0	764.8	100.0	722.7	100.0		