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December 11, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 3, 2003

LORAL SPACE & COMMUNICATIONS LTD. _____

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Islands of Bermuda	1-14180	13-3867424
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number
<pre>c/o Loral SpaceCom Corporation 600 Third Avenue, New York, New York</pre>		10016
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 697-1105		

On July 15, 2003, Loral Space & Communications Ltd. and certain of its subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and parallel insolvency proceedings in the Supreme Court of Bermuda in which certain partners of KPMG were appointed as joint provisional liquidators.

Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.

On December 3, 2003, the SpainSat satellite, under construction by Space Systems/Loral, Inc. ("SS/L") for a Spanish customer, was accidentally damaged during preparation for transit from a testing facility in Kent, Washington back

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to SS/L's facility in Palo Alto, California. The Kent facility is owned by The Boeing Company and used for thermal vacuum testing when SS/L's own thermal vacuum facility is unavailable. SS/L is currently investigating the cause of the accident and assessing the extent of the damage to the satellite and the effect on the satellite's scheduled delivery date. A delay in the satellite's delivery may give rise to penalty payments and termination rights under the satellite construction contract. SS/L believes that the costs to repair the satellite will be covered by insurance.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Loral Space & Communications Ltd.

By: /s/ Avi Katz

Name: Avi Katz

Title: Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

Date: December 11, 2003