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March 19, 2007

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March 2007  
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G. WILLI-FOOD INTERNATIONAL LTD.  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

3 Nahal Snir St., Yavne, Israel 81224  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
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Indicate by check mark whether registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

FORM 20-F       FORM 40-F

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Indicate by check mark whether registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

YES       NO

If "YES" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-\_\_\_\_\_.

Attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein is a press release issued by G. Willi-Food International Ltd. ("Registrant") on March 19, 2007.

This report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statements on Form F-3 (File No. 333-11848 and 333-138200) of the Registrant.

SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

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the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

G. WILLI-FOOD INTERNATIONAL LTD.

Dated: March 19, 2007

By: /s/ Joseph Williger

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Joseph Williger  
Chief Executive Officer

## *News*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

G. WILLI-FOOD REPORTS 15% INCREASE IN REVENUES AND  
44% INCREASE IN OPERATING INCOME FOR FISCAL 2006

AGREEMENT TO IMPORT SELECT KOSHER DAIRY PRODUCTS INTO U.S.;  
INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION TO ACCELERATE THROUGH U.S. ACQUISITION AND MAJORITY  
INTEREST OF GLOBAL EXPORT COMPANY

YAVNE, ISRAEL - MARCH 19, 2007 - G. WILLI-FOOD INTERNATIONAL LTD. (NASDAQ: WILC) (the "COMPANY" or "WILLI FOOD"), one of Israel's largest food importers and a single-source supplier of one of the world's most extensive range of quality kosher food products, today announced its unaudited financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- o 15% increase in 2006 revenues over 2005 revenues
- o 44% increase in 2006 operating income over 2005 operating income
- o Successful IPO of Gold Frost subsidiary
- o Launched new dairy products
- o Completed U.S. acquisition
- o Signed agreement to import select dairy products into U.S.

Mr. Zwi Williger, President and COO of Willi-Food commented, "We believe that our success in 2006 has built a solid foundation for future growth. We have seen strong market response to our expanded product lines and continue to develop new innovations. We launched several new products in 2006 including Bloose, Fetina, and Light Lurpak butter."

Revenues for the year ended December 31, 2006 increased 15% to NIS 191.5 million (US\$45.3 million) compared to NIS 166.3 million (US\$39.4 million) in 2005. This increase was driven primarily by increased sales in the private sector and growing demand for dairy chilled products. Gross profits for the year increased 26% to NIS 47.9 million (US\$11.3 million) compared to NIS 38.1 million (US\$9.0 million) in the prior year. Fiscal 2006 gross margins improved to 25% compared to 23% in 2005.

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2006 operating income increased 44% to NIS 12.6 million (US\$3.0 million) from NIS 8.8 million (US\$2.1 million) reported last year. Sales and marketing expenses for the year increased to NIS 21.1 million (US\$5.0 million), or 11% of sales, from NIS 15.8 million (US\$3.7 million), or 9.5% of sales for 2005. This increase was mainly attributable to advertising campaigns and other costs associated with several new product launches over the course of the year. In addition, 2006 operating income includes a NIS 1.8 million (US\$0.4 million) one-time general and administrative expense due to a management bonus attributed to an unrealized capital gain resulting from the commencement of the trading of shares of the Company's majority-owned subsidiary, Gold Frost Ltd. (LSE:GLF.L), on London's AIM market on March 9, 2006.

2006 income before taxes increased to NIS 35.8 million (US\$8.5 million) compared to NIS 11.3 million (US\$2.7 million) recorded in 2005. Income after taxes and before minority interest for the year increased to NIS 30.4 million (US\$7.2 million) compared to NIS 7.7 million (US\$1.8 million) for the prior year. Net income for 2006 increased to NIS 28.6 million (US\$6.8 million), or NIS 3.17 (US\$0.75) per share compared to net income of NIS 7.7 million (US\$1.8 million), or NIS 0.90 (US\$0.21) per share, recorded in 2005. Net income for 2006 includes a net one-time unrealized capital gain of NIS 18.2 million (US\$4.3 million), or NIS 2.02 (US\$0.48) per share, resulting from the public listing of the shares of Gold Frost Ltd.

The Company's Gold Frost subsidiary reported a 30% increase in 2006 revenues to \$10.7 million from \$8.2 million in the prior year. The subsidiary's gross profits for the year increased 33% to \$5.2 million compared to \$3.9 million in 2005. Gold Frost's 2006 gross margins improved to 48.3% compared to 47.5% in 2005. 2006 operating income for Gold Frost increased 35% to \$2.8 million from \$2.1 million last year. Gold Frost's income before taxes increased 59% to \$3.5 million compared to \$2.2 million in 2005. Net income for Gold Frost in 2006 increased 60% to \$2.4 million from \$1.5 million in 2005.

Willi-Food ended the year with \$25 million in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities and no debt. In September 2006, the Company raised \$10 million through a private placement with U.S. investors. The primary use of proceeds from the transaction was to build a new distribution center that would increase Willi-Food's capacity and enable the Company to progress its strategy of international expansion.

The Company recently announced an agreement with Arla Foods, Inc. to import kosher Lurpak butter and Brie and Camembert cheeses into the U.S. for distribution by the Company's subsidiary Gold Frost. Shipments of these products to the U.S. may commence once Gold Frost has produced new product labeling in compliance with USDA regulations.

In January, Willi-Food acquired the operations and assets of Laish Israeli Food Products Ltd., a U.S. importer and distributor of kosher food products. Laish Israeli has been in business for 15 years and currently distributes kosher products such as canned foods and candies to groceries, independent supermarkets and supermarket chains in the Tri-State area. Its 2006 revenues were approximately \$7.5 million.

In February, the Company announced an agreement with a kosher food exporter located in Israel to form a joint global kosher trade and export company. Under the terms of the agreement, Willi-Food would hold a 50.1% interest and all of the current food export operations of the existing company would be executed under the new entity. Kosher products are currently exported from more than 100 suppliers, predominantly located in Israel, to the U.S., Canada, England,

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Belgium, France, Switzerland, Australia, South Africa, Mexico, Argentina and Chile. Current anticipated trade volume for the new entity in 2007 is approximately \$10.0 million. The closing of the transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including approval of the Israeli Anti-Trust Authorities and completion of exhibits.

"Our strategy is to leverage Willi-Food's global supplier relationships and expertise in product development to capitalize on the growing demand for innovative kosher products," stated Mr. Williger. "We intend to drive profitable growth both internationally and domestically through expanded distribution channels and a premium product offering. The Laish acquisition and agreement with Arla Foods to import certain dairy products into the U.S. are significant steps towards establishing a footprint for the Willi-Food brand in the U.S. market and providing a platform to expand retailer relationships. Moreover, we are looking for the joint trade and export venture to enhance our U.S. initiatives, while adding several new markets and complementary product lines."

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"We are excited by Willi-Food's growth prospects in 2007," concluded Mr. Williger. "We believe that we will achieve revenue growth of approximately 20-25% in fiscal 2007, driven by organic growth, the Laish acquisition, the global kosher trade and export company and the initiation of dairy imports into the U.S. market with Arla."

The Company will host a conference call to discuss fourth quarter and fiscal 2006 results on March 19 at 3:00 PM EDT. Interested parties may participate in the conference call by dialing (800) 374-2501 (US), or (706) 634-2468 (International) and giving conference ID# 2516655 5-10 minutes prior to the start of the call. A replay of the conference call will be available from 6:00 PM EDT on March 19 through 12:00 AM EDT on March 26, by dialing (800) 642-1687 (US), or (706) 645-9291 (International), and entering conference ID# 2516655. A live and archived webcast of the conference call will be available on the Willi-Food website at <http://www.willi-food.co.il>.

ABOUT G. WILLI-FOOD INTERNATIONAL, LTD.

G. Willi-Food International Ltd. is one of Israel's largest food importers and a single-source supplier of one of the world's most extensive ranges of quality kosher food products. It currently imports, markets and distributes more than 400 food products manufactured by some 100 top-tier suppliers throughout the world to more than 1,000 customers. The Company excels in identifying changing tastes in its markets and sourcing high-quality kosher products to address them. For more information, please visit the Company's website at [www.willi-food.co.il](http://www.willi-food.co.il).

THIS PRESS RELEASE CONTAINS FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS WITHIN THE MEANING OF SAFE HARBOR PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995 RELATING TO FUTURE EVENTS OR OUR FUTURE PERFORMANCE, SUCH AS STATEMENTS REGARDING TRENDS, DEMAND FOR OUR PRODUCTS AND EXPECTED REVENUES, OPERATING RESULTS, AND EARNINGS. FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER FACTORS THAT MAY CAUSE OUR ACTUAL RESULTS, LEVELS OF ACTIVITY, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE MATERIALLY DIFFERENT FROM ANY FUTURE RESULTS, LEVELS OF ACTIVITY, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED IN THOSE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. THESE RISKS AND OTHER FACTORS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: CHANGES AFFECTING CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES, INCLUDING THE NIS/U.S. DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE, PAYMENT DEFAULT BY ANY OF OUR MAJOR CLIENTS, THE LOSS OF ONE OF MORE OF OUR KEY PERSONNEL, CHANGES IN LAWS AND

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REGULATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY, AND INABILITY TO MEET AND MAINTAIN REGULATORY QUALIFICATIONS AND APPROVALS FOR OUR PRODUCTS, TERMINATION OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH OUR SUPPLIERS, IN PARTICULAR ARLA FOODS AMBA, LOSS OF ONE OR MORE OF OUR PRINCIPAL CLIENTS, INCREASING LEVELS OF COMPETITION IN ISRAEL AND OTHER MARKETS IN WHICH WE DO BUSINESS, CHANGES IN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN ISRAEL, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE COMPANY'S CORE MARKETS, OUR INABILITY TO ACCURATELY PREDICT CONSUMPTION OF OUR PRODUCTS AND RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PRODUCT LIABILITY CLAIMS. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE FUTURE RESULTS, LEVELS OF ACTIVITY, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS. THE MATTERS DISCUSSED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE ALSO INVOLVE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES SUMMARIZED UNDER THE HEADING "RISK FACTORS" IN THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 20-F FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005, FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ON MAY 31, 2006. THESE FACTORS ARE UPDATED FROM TIME TO TIME THROUGH THE FILING OF REPORTS AND REGISTRATION STATEMENTS WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. WE DO NOT ASSUME ANY OBLIGATION TO UPDATE THE FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE.

### NOTE A: CONVENIENCE TRANSLATION TO DOLLARS

The convenience translation of New Israeli Shekels (NIS) into U.S. dollars was made at the rate of exchange prevailing on December 31, 2006: U.S. \$1.00 equals NIS 4.225. The translation was made solely for the convenience of the reader.

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### FINANCIAL TABLES FOLLOW

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### G. WILLI-FOOD INTERNATIONAL LTD. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

		DECEMBER 31,	
	NOTE	2 0 0 6	2 0 0 5
		NIS	
		(IN THOUSANDS)	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		91,398	30,431
Marketable securities		13,945	3,229
Trade accounts receivable		48,163	48,396
Receivables and other current assets	3	4,499	7,673
Inventories		19,101	30,798

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Total current assets		177,106	120,527
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FIXED ASSETS	4		
Cost		49,213	23,343
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization		6,442	6,686
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		42,771	16,657
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OTHER ASSETS, NET	5	94	90
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		219,971	137,274
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade accounts payable		20,137	19,938
Due to related parties		5,677	2,193
Payables and other current liabilities	6	6,969	12,977
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Total current liabilities		32,783	35,108
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Accrued severance pay, net	7	347	299
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COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES	8		
WARRANTS TO ISSUE SHARES OF SUBSIDIARY		348	-
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MINORITY INTEREST		14,754	-
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SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	9		
Share capital:			
Ordinary shares NIS 0.10 par value (authorized - 50,000,000 shares and outstanding - 10,267,893 shares at December 31, 2006; 8,615,000 shares at December 31, 2005)		1,113	948
Additional paid-in capital		61,350	20,258
Retained earnings		109,276	80,661
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		171,739	101,867
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		219,971	137,274
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(\*) Convenience translation into U.S. dollars.

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		NIS		
		(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT FOR SHARE DATA)		
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Sales	12	191,460	166,282	170,982
Cost of sales	12	143,581	128,215	130,292
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GROSS PROFIT		47,879	38,067	40,690
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Operating expenses:				
Sales and marketing		21,100	15,771	15,632
General and administrative	12	14,151	13,544	9,134
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Total operating expenses		35,251	29,315	24,766
		=====	=====	=====
OPERATING INCOME		12,628	8,752	15,924
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Financing income, net	12	4,925	2,501	1,121
Other income, net		18,248	35	34
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INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES		35,801	11,288	17,079
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Income taxes	10	5,379	3,567	5,886
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Income after taxes on income		30,422	7,721	11,193
Minority interest		1,807	-	-
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NET INCOME		28,615	7,721	11,193
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EARNINGS PER SHARE (EPS)				
Basic		3.17	0.9	1.3
		=====	=====	=====
Diluted		3.12	0.9	1.3
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Shares used in computation of basic and diluted EPS		9,028,223	8,615,000	8,600,000
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