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FORM 20-F

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017

Commission file no. 001-32618 ITURAN LOCATION AND CONTROL LTD. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter and translation of Registrant's name into English)

Israel (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

3 Hashikma Street, Azour, Israel (Address of principal executive offices)

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Ordinary Shares, par value NIS 0.33¹/₃ per share Nasdaq Global Select Market

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None (Title of Class)

Securities for which there is reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:

None (Title of Class)

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the Issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report:

23,475,431 Ordinary Shares

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Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act

Yes o No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Yes o No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes x No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes x No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (check one):

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer Non-accelerated filer Emerging growth company

If you are an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards[†]provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

[†]The term "new or revised financial accounting standard" refers to any update issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to its Accounting Standards Codification after April 5, 2012.

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant had used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP	International Financial Reporting Standards as issued	Other
	by the International Accounting Standards Board	

If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the Registrant has elected to follow:

Item 17 o Item 18

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes o No

[APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUERS INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court.

Yes o No

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USE OF CERTAIN TERMS

As used herein, and unless the context suggests otherwise, the terms "we", "us", "our" or "Ituran" refer to Ituran Location and Control Ltd. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

We have prepared our consolidated financial statements in US Dollars. Our consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). All references herein to "dollars" or "\$"or "USD" are to United States dollars, and all references to "NIS" are to New Israeli Shekels.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 20-F contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The use of the words "projects," "believes," "expects," "may," "plans" or "intends," or words of similar import, identifies a statement as "forward-looking." The forward-looking statements included herein are based on current expectations that involve a number of risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are based on the assumption that we will not lose a significant customer or customers or experience increased fluctuations of demand or rescheduling of purchase orders, that our markets will continue to grow, that our products will remain accepted within their respective markets and will not be replaced by new technology, that competitive conditions within our markets will not change materially or adversely, that we will retain key technical and management personnel, that our forecasts will accurately anticipate market demand, and that there will be no material adverse change in our operations or business. Assumptions relating to the foregoing involve judgments with respect to, among other things, future economic, competitive and market conditions, and future business decisions, all of which are difficult or impossible to predict accurately and many of which are beyond our control. In addition, our business and operations are subject to substantial risks which increase the uncertainty inherent in the forward-looking statements. In light of the significant uncertainties inherent in the forward-looking information included herein, the inclusion of such information should not be regarded as a representation by us or any other person that our objectives or plans will be achieved. Factors that could cause actual results to differ from our expectations or projections include the risks and uncertainties described in this annual report in Item 3D: Risk Factors. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements or other information contained in this report, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. You are advised, however, to consult any additional disclosures we make in our reports on Form 6-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

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PART I

ITEM 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISERS

Not applicable.

ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION

A. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The selected consolidated financial data below is provided under generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. (U.S. GAAP). You should read the selected consolidated financial data presented in this Item together with Item 5 – Operating and Financial Review and Prospects and with our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report.

Our selected consolidated statements of income data for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2016 and 2017, and our selected consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2016 and 2017 have been derived from our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report. The selected consolidated statements of income data for each of the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2014, and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2013, 2014 and 2015, are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements not included in this report.

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Selected Financial Data Under U.S. GAAP:

Consolidated Statements of Income Data

Year Ended December 31,	Year Ended December 31,		
2017 2016 2015 201	14 2013		
In USD			
In thousands, except per share amou	ints		
Revenues:			
Location based services 169,752 141,940 127,683 133	3,692 126,951		
Wireless communications products 64,884 57,634 47,945 48,	,435 43,216		
Total Revenues 234,636 199,574 175,628 182	2,127 170,167		
Cost of Revenues:			
Location based services 56,572 48,916 46,823 46,	,852 44,850		
Wireless communication products 58,680 48,627 38,924 38,	3,142 36,015		
Total cost of revenues 115,252 97,543 85,747 84,	,994 80,865		
Gross profit 119,384 102,031 89,881 97,	,133 89,302		
Research and development expenses 3,160 2,895 2,401 2,5	526 2,414		
Selling and marketing expenses 12,246 10,074 9,303 9,2	9,715		
General and administrative expenses 47,590 40,228			