

TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of October 2003

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Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

5 Basel Street, P.O. Box 3190

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes _____

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**TEVA ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE APPROVAL FOR GABAPENTIN TABLETS,
600 MG AND 800 MG**

Jerusalem, Israel, October 17, 2003 - Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (Nasdaq: TEVA) announced today that the U. S. Food and Drug Administration has granted tentative approval for the company`s ANDA for Gabapentin Tablets, 600 mg and 800 mg. Annual sales of the brand product are approximately \$662 million.

Teva`s tentative approval is in addition to the tentative approval that the company`s ANDA for Gabapentin Capsules, 100 mg, 300 mg, and 400 mg received on August 7, 2003.

Gabapentin Tablets are the AB-rated generic equivalent of Pfizer`s Neurontin[®] Tablets. This product is indicated for use as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of partial seizures with and without secondary generalization in patients over 12 years of age with epilepsy.

Teva's final approval is subject to the expiration of any applicable exclusivity period enjoyed by another ANDA filer for the same product.

Teva is currently involved in patent litigation with Pfizer in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey concerning both the tablet and capsule forms of this product.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., headquartered in Israel, is among the top 35 pharmaceutical companies and among the largest generic pharmaceutical companies in the world. The company develops, manufactures and markets generic and innovative human pharmaceuticals and active pharmaceutical ingredients. Close to 90% of Teva's sales are in North America and Europe.

Safe Harbor Statement under the U. S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: This release contains forward-looking statements, which express the current beliefs and expectations of management. Such statements are based on current expectations and involve a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause Teva's future results, performance or achievements to differ significantly from the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include Teva's ability to successfully develop and commercialize additional pharmaceutical products, the introduction of competitive generic products, the impact of competition from brand-name companies that sell their own generic products or successfully extend the exclusivity period of their branded products, Teva's ability to rapidly integrate the operations of acquired businesses, the availability of product liability coverage in the current insurance market, the impact of pharmaceutical industry regulation and pending legislation that could affect the pharmaceutical industry, the difficulty of predicting U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") and other regulatory authority approvals, the regulatory environment and changes in the health policies and structure of various countries, acceptance and demand for new pharmaceutical products and new therapies, uncertainties regarding market acceptance of innovative products newly launched, currently being sold or in development, the impact of restructuring of clients, reliance on strategic alliances, exposure to product liability claims, dependence on patent and other protections for innovative products, fluctuations in currency, exchange and interest rates, operating results and other factors that are discussed in Teva's Annual Report on Form 20-F and its other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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TEVA TO REPORT THIRD QUARTER 2003 FINANCIAL RESULTS ON

November 3, 2003

CONFERENCE CALL SCHEDULED FOR 08:30 AM EST

Jerusalem, Israel, October 20, 2003 - Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (NASDAQ: TEVA) announced today that it will release its third quarter 2003 financial results on Monday, November 3, 2003, early in the morning (EST). The earnings release will be available on Teva`s web site at www.tevapharm.com.

Teva will host a conference call and live webcast on that same day, at 08:30AM EST to discuss its third quarter results and overall business environment. A Question & Answer session will follow this discussion.

Investors and other interested parties may access a live webcast through Teva`s web site at www.tevapharm.com. Please log in at least 10 minutes prior to the conference call in order to download the applicable audio software. Following the conclusion of the call, a replay of the webcast will be available within 24 hours at the Company`s web site. Alternatively, a replay of the call can be accessed until November 9, 2003 at midnight (EST), by calling (800) 934-4548 in the U.S. or (402) 220-1175 outside the U.S. No access code required.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Dan Suesskind

Name: Dan Suesskind
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 20, 2003

