

TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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**TEVA RECEIVES FAVORABLE RULING FROM JAPANESE PATENT OFFICE REGARDING
PRAVASTATIN**

Jerusalem, Israel, October 14, 2005 - Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (Nasdaq: TEVA) announced today that trial examiners in the Japanese Patent Office have granted judgment in favor of Teva with regard to Sankyo's Patent No. 3463875 in Japan. Following a trial last August, the Patent Office found Sankyo's patent relating to pravastatin free of epipravastatin to be invalid based on prior intellectual property applications filed by Teva in Japan.

The favorable ruling is the second decision regarding this product that has been granted to Teva this year. In April, the Japanese Patent Office invalidated Sankyo's Patent No. 3236282 in Japan, which relates to a process for the extraction of pravastatin with iso-butyl acetate. This decision was also based on earlier filed patent applications by Teva relating to pravastatin. As noted by the trial examiners, this request by Teva for invalidation of Sankyo's patent represented the first time that a generic drug company was challenging the patents of a brand name company in Japan.

Teva currently manufactures and supplies the bulk active pharmaceutical ingredient for the finished dosage pravastatin in several countries including Japan.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., headquartered in Israel, is among the top 20 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 beliefs and expectations of management. Such statements are based on management's current beliefs and 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 whether and when the proposed acquisition with Ivax Corporation will be consummated and the terms of any conditions imposed in connection with such closing, the terms and conditions of the financing utilized by Teva for the Ivax acquisition, Teva's ability to rapidly integrate Ivax's operations and achieve expected synergies, 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 or license their own generic products under generic trade dress and at generic prices (so called "authorized generics") or seek to delay the introduction of generic products, regulatory changes that may prevent Teva from exploiting exclusivity periods, potential liability for sales of generic products prior to a final court decision, including that relating to the generic version of Neurontin[®], the effects of competition on Copaxone[®] sales, 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, European Medicines Association and other regulatory authority approvals, the regulatory environment and changes in the health policies and structure of various countries, Teva's ability to successfully identify, consummate and integrate acquisitions, exposure to product liability claims, dependence on patent and other protections for innovative products, significant operations outside the United States that may be adversely affected by terrorism or major hostilities, 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. 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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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 14, 2005

