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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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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TEVA ANNOUNCES APPROVAL OF RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM DELAYED-RELEASE TABLETS

Jerusalem, Israel, February 22, 2007 - Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (Nasdaq: TEVA) announced today that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has granted final approval for the Company`s Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) for Rabeprazole Sodium Delayed-Release Tablets, 20 mg.

Teva`s Rabeprazole Sodium Delayed-Release Tablets are the AB-rated generic equivalent of Eisai`s acid pump inhibitor Aciphex&reg Tablets. The brand product had annual sales of approximately $1.3 billion, based on IMS sales data.

As one of the first companies to file an ANDA containing a paragraph IV certification for this product, Teva has been awarded a 180-day period of marketing exclusivity.

Teva is currently in patent litigation concerning this product in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. A suit was brought against Teva in November 2003 involving Teva's paragraph IV certification to U.S. Patent No. 5,045,552. A trial has been scheduled for March 5, 2007.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., headquartered in Israel, is among the top 20 pharmaceutical companies in the world and is the leading generic pharmaceutical company. The company develops, manufactures and markets generic and innovative human pharmaceuticals and active pharmaceutical ingredients, as well as animal health pharmaceutical products. Over 80 percent 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 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 risks relating to Teva`s ability to successfully develop and commercialize additional pharmaceutical products, the introduction of competing generic equivalents, the competition from brand-name companies that are under increased pressure to counter generic products, or competitors that seek to delay the introduction of generic product, Teva's ability to generate revenues and profits closely tied to our success in obtaining U.S. market exclusivity for generic products, the impact of consolidation of our distributors and customers, regulatory changes that may prevent Teva from utilizing exclusivity periods, potential liability for sales of generic products prior to a final resolution of outstanding patent litigation, including that relating to the generic versions of Allegra&reg, Neurontin&reg and Wellbutrin XL&reg , the effects of competition on our innovative products, especially Copaxone&reg 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 Agency and other regulatory authority approvals, the regulatory environment and changes in the health policies and structures of various countries, Teva`s ability to successfully identify, consummate and integrate acquisitions, potential exposure to product liability claims which are not covered by insurance, dependence on effectiveness of our patents and other protections for innovative products, significant operations worldwide that may be adversely affected by terrorism, political or economical instability or major hostilities, the difficulty of complex manufacturing of our products and supply delays, environmental risks, 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 or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events 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: February 22 , 2007

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