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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 20-F**

.. **REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**OR**

x **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

**OR**

.. **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the transition period from                      to

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**OR**

.. **SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
Date of event requiring this shell company report:

**TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Not Applicable

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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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**  
**The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC**

**American Depositary Shares, each representing one Ordinary Share**  
Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act.

None

(Title of Class)

Securities for which there is a 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.

**888,723,469 Ordinary Shares**

**700,227,714 American Depositary Shares**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  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  No

Note: Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 from their obligations under those Sections.

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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  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

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

US GAAP

International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board

Other

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.

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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  No

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**INTRODUCTION AND USE OF CERTAIN TERMS**

Unless otherwise indicated, all references to the Company, we, our and Teva refer to Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited and its subsidiaries, including Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from and after its acquisition on December 23, 2008. References to U.S. dollars, U.S.\$ and \$ are to the lawful currency of the United States of America, and references to NIS are to New Israeli shekels. Market share data is based on information provided by IMS Health Inc., a leading provider of market research to the pharmaceutical industry ( IMS ).

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This annual report contains forward-looking statements, which express management's current beliefs or expectations with regard to future events. You can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. Such statements may include words such as anticipate, estimate, expect, project, intend, plan, believe and other words and terms of similar meaning in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance. In particular, these statements relate to, among other things:

our business strategy;

the development and launch of our products, including product approvals;

projected markets and market size;

our projected revenues, market share, net income margins and capital expenditures; and

our liquidity.

The forward-looking statements contained herein involve a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause our future results, performance or achievements to differ significantly from the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

You should understand that many important factors, in addition to those discussed or incorporated by reference in this report, could cause our results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. Potential factors that could affect our results include, in addition to others not described in this report, those described under Item 3 Key Information Risk Factors. These are factors that we think could cause our actual results to differ materially from expected results.

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 ). Please also see the cautionary discussion of risks and uncertainties under Item 3: Key Information Risk Factors starting on page 5 of this report. This discussion is provided as permitted by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

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**PART I**

**ITEM 1: NOT APPLICABLE**

**ITEM 2: NOT APPLICABLE**

**ITEM 3: KEY INFORMATION**

**SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

The Israeli Securities Law allows Israeli companies, such as Teva, whose securities are listed both on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange and on certain stock exchanges in the United States (including NASDAQ), to report exclusively under the rules of the SEC and generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ( U.S. GAAP ). Except as otherwise indicated, all financial statements and other financial information included in this annual report are presented solely under U.S. GAAP.

The following selected financial data for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2008 and at December 31, 2008 and 2007 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements set forth elsewhere in this report, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The selected financial data for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2005 and at December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004 are derived from audited financial statements not appearing in this report, which have also been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Our balance sheet at December 31, 2008 reflects the acquisition of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., but our results of operations will include Barr s results only from and after January 1, 2009.

The selected financial data should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, related notes and other financial information included in this report.

The currency of the primary economic environment in which our operations in Israel and the United States are conducted is the U.S. dollar. The functional currency of most of our other subsidiaries (principally operating in Western Europe, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Canada) is the respective local currency.



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	For the year ended December 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
	U.S. dollars in millions (except per share amounts)				
Net sales	11,085	9,408	8,408	5,250	4,799
Cost of sales	5,117	4,531	4,149	2,770	2,560
Gross profit	5,968	4,877	4,259	2,480	2,239
Research and development net	786	581	495	369	338
Selling, general and administrative expenses	2,511	1,901	1,572	799	696
Acquisition of in-process research and development	1,402		1,295		597
Litigation settlement, impairment and restructuring expenses net	124		96		30
Operating income	1,145	2,395	801	1,312	578
Financial income (expenses) net	(318)	(42)	(95)	(4)	26
Income before income taxes	827	2,353	706	1,308	604
Provision for income taxes	185	397	155	236	267
	642	1,956	551	1,072	337
Share in losses (profits) of associated companies net	1	3	3	(2)	1
Minority interests in profits of subsidiaries net	6	1	2	2	4
Net income	635	1,952	546	1,072	332
Earnings per share(1) Basic (\$)	0.81	2.54	0.72	1.73	0.54
Diluted (\$)	0.78	2.38	0.69	1.59	0.50
Weighted average number of shares (in millions) Basic	780	768	756	618	613
Diluted	820	830	805	681	688

(1) Historical figures have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split effected in June 2004.

**Balance Sheet Data**

	As at December 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
	(U.S. dollars in millions)				
Working capital	2,945	4,488	3,569	3,245	1,998
Total assets	32,904	23,412	20,471	10,387	9,632
Short-term credit, including current maturities:					
Short-term debt	2,906	1,841	742	375	560
Long-term debt, net of current maturities:					
Convertible senior debentures	1,883	1,433	2,458	1,314	1,513
Senior notes and loans	3,654	1,914	2,127	459	215
Total long-term debt	5,537	3,347	4,585	1,773	1,728
Minority interests	60	36	35	8	11

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Shareholders equity

16,300 13,724 11,142 6,042 5,389

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We have paid dividends on a regular quarterly basis since 1986. Future dividend policy will be reviewed by the Board of Directors based upon conditions then existing, including our earnings, financial condition, capital requirements and other factors. Our ability to pay cash dividends may be restricted by instruments governing its debt obligations. Dividends are declared and paid in NIS. Dividends are converted into U.S. dollars and paid by the depository of our American Depositary Shares ( ADSs ) for the benefit of owners of ADSs, and are subject to exchange rate fluctuations between the NIS and the U.S. dollar between the declaration date and the date of actual payment.

Dividends paid by an Israeli company to shareholders residing outside Israel are generally subject to withholding of Israeli income tax at a rate of up to 20%. Such tax rates apply unless a lower rate is provided in a treaty between Israel and the shareholder's country of residence. In our case, the applicable withholding tax rate will depend on the particular Israeli production facilities that have generated the earnings that are the source of the specific dividend and, accordingly, the applicable rate may change from time to time. The rate of tax to be withheld on the dividend declared for the fourth quarter of 2008 is 20%.

The following table sets forth the amounts of the dividends paid in respect of each period indicated prior to deductions for applicable Israeli withholding taxes (in cents per share). All figures have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split effected in June 2004.

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
	In cents per share				
1st interim	13.1	9.9	7.6	6.9	4.9
2nd interim	12.9	9.2	7.7	6.6	5.0
3rd interim	11.8	10.0	7.9	6.4	5.1
4th interim	14.7	12.4	9.4	7.2	6.9

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**RISK FACTORS**

*Our business faces significant risks. You should carefully consider all of the information set forth in this annual report and in our other filings with the SEC, including the following risk factors which we face and which are faced by our industry. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. This report also contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our results could materially differ from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements, as a result of certain factors including the risks described below and elsewhere in this report and our other SEC filings. See *Forward-Looking Statements on page 1.**

***Our success depends on our ability to successfully develop and commercialize additional pharmaceutical products.***

Our financial results depend, to a significant degree, upon our ability to successfully commercialize additional generic and innovative pharmaceutical products as well as active pharmaceutical ingredients. We must develop, test and manufacture generic products as well as prove that our generic products are the bioequivalent of their branded counterparts. All of our products must meet and continue to comply with regulatory and safety standards and receive regulatory approvals; we may be forced to withdraw a product from the market if health or safety concerns arise with respect to such product. The development and commercialization process, particularly with respect to innovative products, is both time-consuming and costly and involves a high degree of business risk. Our products currently under development, if and when fully developed and tested, may not perform as we expect, necessary regulatory approvals may not be obtained in a timely manner, if at all, and we may not be able to successfully and profitably produce and market such products. Delays in any part of the process or our inability to obtain regulatory approval of our products could adversely affect our operating results by restricting or delaying our introduction of new products. Our ability to introduce and benefit from new products may depend upon our success in challenging patent rights held by branded companies or otherwise developing non-infringing products. The continuous introduction of new pharmaceutical products as well as active pharmaceutical ingredients is critical to our business.

***Our revenues and profits from generic pharmaceutical products generally decline as competitors introduce their own generic equivalents.***

Net selling prices of generic drugs typically decline, frequently dramatically, especially as additional companies receive approvals and enter the market for a given product and competition intensifies. In particular, we face increasing competition from brand-name companies in addition to local and foreign generic companies. Our ability to sustain our sales and profitability on any product over time is dependent on both the number of new companies selling such product and the timing of approvals of those products. Our overall profitability depends on, among other things, our ability to continuously introduce new products in a timely manner.

***Our revenues and profits are closely tied to our success in obtaining U.S. market exclusivity for generic versions of significant products.***

To the extent that we succeed in being the first to market a generic version of a significant product, and particularly if we obtain the 180-day period of market exclusivity for the U.S. market provided under the Hatch-Waxman Act, our sales, profits and profitability can be substantially increased in the period following the introduction of such product and prior to a competitor's introduction of an equivalent product. For example, our 2008 operating results included major contributions from products sold with U.S. market exclusivity, such as lamotrigine, pantoprazole, bupropion 150mg, risperidone, budesonide and famciclovir. Our ability to achieve sales growth and profitability is dependent on our success in challenging patents and/or developing non-infringing products and launching products with U.S. market exclusivity. In addition, the flow of potential new generic products with exclusivity and the size of the product opportunities vary significantly from year to year, or even from quarter to quarter. Failure to continue to obtain such market exclusivities could have a material adverse effect on our sales and profitability.

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*We have sold and may elect to sell in the future generic products prior to the final resolution of outstanding patent litigation, and as a result, we could be subject to liability for damages.*

At times, we or our partners seek approval to market generic products before the expiration of patents relating to those products, based upon our belief that such patents are invalid or otherwise unenforceable, or would not be infringed by our products. As a result, we are involved in patent litigation, the outcome of which, in certain cases, could materially adversely affect our business. Based upon a complex analysis of a variety of legal and commercial factors, we may elect to sell a generic product even though litigation is still pending whether before any court decision is rendered or while an appeal of a lower court decision is pending. For example, we launched, and continue to sell, generic versions of Neurontin® (gabapentin), Lotrel® (amlodipine benazepril) and Protonix® (pantoprazole), despite the fact that litigation with the companies that sell the branded products is still pending.

If we sell certain products prior to a final court decision, and such decision is adverse to us, we could be required to cease selling the infringing products, causing us to lose future sales revenue from such products and to face substantial liability for patent infringement, in the form of either payment for the innovator's lost profits or a royalty on our sales of the infringing products. These damages may be significant, and could materially adversely affect our business. In the event of a finding of willful infringement, the damages may be up to three times the profits lost by the patent owner and not based on the profits we earned. Because of the discount pricing typically involved with generic pharmaceutical products, patented brand products generally realize a significantly higher profit margin than generic pharmaceutical products.

Although we currently have insurance coverage for certain of the specified types of damage described above, certain claims may be subject to our deductible, involve a co-insurance participation, exceed our policy limits or relate to damages that are not covered by our policy. In addition, there is a very limited market for such insurance coverage, and consequently it may be difficult to continue maintaining such coverage.

*Current economic conditions may adversely affect our industry, business and results of operations.*

The global economy is currently undergoing a period of substantial contraction, and the future economic environment is likely to be less favorable than that of recent years. This has led to reduced consumer and governmental spending, which may include reduced spending on healthcare and drive us and our competitors to decrease prices. While generic drugs present an alternative to higher-priced branded products, our sales could nevertheless be negatively impacted if patients forego obtaining healthcare and purchasing pharmaceutical products.

*Our revenues and profits from generic pharmaceutical products may decline as a result of intense competition from brand-name companies that are under increased pressure to counter the introduction of generic products.*

Our generic pharmaceutical products face intense competition from brand-name companies that have taken aggressive steps to thwart competition from generic companies. In particular, brand-name companies continue to sell or license their products directly or through licensing arrangements or strategic alliances with other generic pharmaceutical companies (so-called authorized generics). No significant regulatory approvals are required for a brand-name company to sell directly or through a third party to the generic market, and brand-name companies do not face any other significant barriers to entry into such market. In addition, such companies seek to delay generic introductions and to decrease the impact of generic competition by using tactics that include:

obtaining new patents on drugs whose original patent protection is about to expire;

filing patent applications that are more complex and costly to challenge;

filing suits for patent infringement that automatically delay approval of generic versions by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA);

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filing citizens petitions with the FDA contesting approval of the generic versions of products due to alleged health and safety issues;

developing controlled-release or other next-generation products, which often reduce demand for the generic version of the existing product for which we are seeking approval;

changing product claims and product labeling;

developing and marketing as over-the-counter products those branded products which are about to face generic competition; and

making arrangements with managed care companies and insurers to reduce the economic incentives to purchase generic pharmaceuticals.

These strategies may increase the costs and risks associated with our efforts to introduce generic products and may delay or prevent such introduction altogether.

***Our sales of innovative products, especially Copaxone®, could be adversely affected by competition.***

Our innovative products face or may face intense competition from competitors products, which may adversely affect our sales and profitability. Copaxone® is our leading innovative product, from which we derive substantial revenues and profits. To date, we and our marketing partners have been successful in our efforts to establish Copaxone® as the leading therapy for multiple sclerosis and have increased our global market share among the currently available major therapies for multiple sclerosis. However, Copaxone® faces intense competition from existing products, such as Avonex®, Betaseron®, Rebif® and Tysabri®. We may also face competition from additional products in development, including orally administered formulations of cladribine and fingolimod, which are currently in Phase III development. In addition, the exclusivity protections afforded us in the United States through orphan drug status for Copaxone® expired on December 20, 2003. If our patents on Copaxone® are successfully challenged, we may also face generic competition for this product. In July 2008, Sandoz Inc., the U.S. generic drug division of Novartis AG, in conjunction with Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc., filed an Abbreviated New Drug Application ( ANDA ) with the FDA for a generic version of Copaxone® seeking approval prior to the expiration of our patents, as described below.

***The success of our innovative products depends on the effectiveness of our patents, confidentiality agreements and other measures to protect our intellectual property rights.***

The success of our innovative products depends, in part, on our ability to obtain patents and to defend our intellectual property rights. If we fail to protect our intellectual property adequately, competitors may manufacture and market products identical or similar to ours. We have been issued numerous patents covering our innovative products, and have filed, and expect to continue to file, patent applications seeking to protect newly developed technologies and products in various countries, including the United States. Any existing or future patents issued to or licensed by us may not provide us with any competitive advantages for our products or may be challenged or circumvented by competitors. In addition, such patent rights may not prevent our competitors from developing, using or commercializing products that are similar or functionally equivalent to our products, especially Copaxone®, our leading innovative product. In July 2008, Sandoz Inc., the U.S. generic drug division of Novartis AG, in conjunction with Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc., filed an ANDA with the FDA for a generic version of Copaxone® seeking approval prior to the expiration of our patents. In August 2008, we filed a complaint against Sandoz/Momenta, which triggered a stay of any FDA approval of the ANDA until the earlier of January 2011 or a district court decision (if any) in favor of the ANDA filer.

We also rely on trade secrets, unpatented proprietary know-how, trademarks, data exclusivity and continuing technological innovation that we seek to protect, in part by confidentiality agreements with licensees, suppliers, employees and consultants. If these agreements are breached, it is possible that we will not have

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adequate remedies. Disputes may arise concerning the ownership of intellectual property or the applicability of confidentiality agreements. Furthermore, our trade secrets and proprietary technology may otherwise become known or be independently developed by our competitors or we may not be able to maintain the confidentiality of information relating to such products.

***Sales of our products may be adversely affected by the continuing consolidation of our U.S. distribution network, other pricing factors, financial constraints of pharmaceutical distributors and the concentration of our customer base.***

A significant proportion of our sales are made to relatively few U.S. retail drug chains, wholesalers, managed care purchasing organizations, mail order distributors and hospitals. These customers, which represent an essential part of the distribution chain of pharmaceutical products, are continuing to undergo significant consolidation. This consolidation has provided and may continue to provide our customers with additional purchasing leverage, and consequently may increase the pricing pressures that we face. Additionally, the emergence of large buying groups representing independent retail pharmacies and the prevalence and influence of managed care organizations and similar institutions enable those groups to extract price discounts on our products.

Our net sales and quarterly growth comparisons may be affected by fluctuations in the buying patterns of retail chains, major distributors and other trade buyers. These fluctuations may result from seasonality, pricing, wholesaler buying decisions or other factors. In addition, many of the major pharmaceutical distributors have experienced downturns and financial constraints, which may impact both our sales and the collectibility of our receivables and result in even greater consolidation among our customers. These developments may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Changes in the regulatory environment may prevent us from utilizing the exclusivity periods that are important to the success of our generic products.***

The Medicare Prescription Drug Act provides that the 180-day market exclusivity period provided under the Hatch-Waxman Act is only triggered by commercial marketing of the product. However, the Medicare Act also contains forfeiture provisions which would deprive the first Paragraph IV filer of exclusivity if certain conditions are met. Accordingly, we may face the risk of forfeiture and therefore may not be able to exploit a given exclusivity period for specific products.

***Research and development efforts invested in our innovative pipeline may not achieve expected results.***

We invest increasingly greater resources to develop our innovative pipeline, both through our own efforts and through collaborations with third parties, which results in higher risks.

The time from discovery to a possible commercial launch of an innovative product is substantial and involves multiple stages during which the product may be abandoned as a result of such factors as serious developmental problems, the inability to achieve our clinical goals, the inability to obtain necessary regulatory approvals in a timely manner, if at all, and the inability to produce and market such innovative products successfully and profitably. In addition, we face the risk that some of the third parties we collaborate with may fail to perform their obligations. Accordingly, our investment in research and development of innovative products can involve significant costs with no assurances of future revenues or profits.

***We are subject to government regulation that increases our costs and could prevent us from marketing or selling our products.***

We are subject to extensive pharmaceutical industry regulations in countries where we operate. We cannot predict the extent to which we may be affected by legislative and other regulatory developments concerning our products.

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We are dependent on obtaining timely approvals before marketing most of our products. In the United States, any manufacturer failing to comply with FDA or other applicable regulatory agency requirements may be unable to obtain approvals for the introduction of new products and, even after approval, initial product shipments may be delayed. The FDA also has the authority to revoke drug approvals previously granted and remove from the market previously approved drug products containing ingredients no longer approved by the FDA. Our major facilities, both within and outside the United States, and our products are periodically inspected by the FDA, which has extensive enforcement powers over the activities of pharmaceutical manufacturers, including the power to seize, force to recall and prohibit the sale or import of non-complying products, and to halt operations of and criminally prosecute non-complying manufacturers. In addition, we are subject in the U.S. to other regulations, including those related to quotas for controlled substances, which may from time to time limit our ability to meet demand for products containing such substances.

In the European Union ( EU ) and Israel, the manufacture and sale of pharmaceutical products is regulated in a manner substantially similar to that in the United States. Legal requirements generally prohibit the handling, manufacture, marketing and importation of any pharmaceutical product unless it is properly registered in accordance with applicable law. The registration file relating to any particular product must contain medical data related to product efficacy and safety, including results of clinical testing and references to medical publications, as well as detailed information regarding production methods and quality control. Health ministries are authorized to cancel the registration of a product if it is found to be harmful or ineffective or manufactured and marketed other than in accordance with registration conditions.

Data exclusivity provisions exist in many countries where we operate, although their application is not uniform. In general, these exclusivity provisions prevent the approval by, and/or submission of generic drug applications to, the health authorities for a fixed period of time following the first approval of a novel brand-name product in that country or other recognized countries. As these exclusivity provisions operate independently of patent exclusivity, they may prevent the approval and/or submission of generic drug applications for some products even after patent protection has expired.

We are subject to legislation in Israel, primarily relating to patents and data exclusivity provisions. Modifications of this legislation or court decisions regarding this legislation may adversely affect us and may prevent us from exporting Israeli-manufactured products in a timely fashion. Additionally, the existence of third-party patents in Israel, with the attendant risk of litigation, may cause us to move production outside of Israel or otherwise adversely affect our ability to export certain products from Israel. Exports from Europe may similarly be affected by legislation relating to patents and data exclusivity provisions and also by the risk of patent litigation.

***Regulations to permit the sale of biotechnology-based products as bioequivalent or biosimilar drugs, primarily in the U.S., may be delayed, or may otherwise jeopardize our investment in such products.***

We have made, and expect to continue to make, significant investments in our ability to develop and produce biotechnology-based products. Although some of these products may be sold as innovative products, one of our key strategic goals in making these investments is to position Teva at the forefront of the development of bioequivalent or biosimilar generic versions of currently marketed biotechnology products. To date, in many markets, most notably the U.S., there does not yet exist a legislative or regulatory pathway for the registration and approval of such biogeneric products. Significant delays in the development of such pathways, or significant impediments that may be built into such pathways, could diminish the value of the investments that we have made, and will continue to make, in our biotechnology capabilities.

***Reforms in the healthcare industry and the uncertainty associated with pharmaceutical pricing, reimbursement and related matters could adversely affect the marketing, pricing and demand for our products.***

Increasing expenditures for healthcare have been the subject of considerable public attention almost everywhere we conduct business. Both private and governmental entities are seeking ways to reduce or contain



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healthcare costs. In many countries where we currently operate, pharmaceutical prices are subject to regulation. In the United States, numerous proposals that would effect changes in the U.S. healthcare system have been introduced in Congress (as well as in some state legislatures), including expanded Medicare coverage for drugs, which became effective in January 2006. Similar measures are being taken or introduced throughout Western Europe, Israel, Russia and certain countries in Central and Eastern Europe. These changes may cause delays in market entry or adversely affect pricing and profitability. We cannot predict which measures may be adopted or their impact on the marketing, pricing and demand for our products.

In the United States, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 mandated a new regulation, which became effective in part on October 1, 2007, establishing the method by which pharmaceutical manufacturers, including us, must calculate average manufacturer price. The Act strongly encouraged state Medicaid programs to utilize this average manufacturer price in the future as the benchmark for prescription drug reimbursement in place of the previous, widely used benchmark of average wholesale price. The Act also changed the method used to determine the federal upper limit on payment for generic drugs. Payments to pharmacies for Medicaid-covered outpatient prescription drugs are set by the states. Federal reimbursements to states for the federal share of those payments are subject to this federal ceiling, which, effective January 1, 2007, was 250% of the average manufacturer price for generic drugs. This price limit may have the effect of reducing the reimbursement rates for certain medications that we currently sell. We are reviewing the potential impact of these provisions on our business and profitability and have not yet been able to draw conclusions, because the implementation of certain provisions of the final regulations promulgated under the Act has been stayed by litigation. We do not know how long the court-ordered stay will remain in effect or what the final outcome will be. In addition, we and other pharmaceutical companies are involved in numerous lawsuits brought by state attorneys general and other plaintiffs relating to drug price reporting and reimbursements under Medicare, Medicaid and other programs. These cases seek money damages, civil penalties, treble damages and other forms of relief, and adverse outcomes in such cases could materially adversely affect our financial condition.

A number of markets in which we operate (including, most recently, the Netherlands and Germany) have implemented tender systems for generic pharmaceuticals in an effort to lower prices. Under such tender systems, manufacturers submit bids which establish prices for generic pharmaceutical products. The measure is likely to impact marketing practice and reimbursement of drugs and may increase pressure on competition and reimbursement margins. Certain other countries may consider the implementation of a tender system. Failing to win tenders, or the implementation of similar systems in other markets leading to further price declines, could have a material adverse affect on our business, financial position and results of operations.

***The manufacture of our products is highly complex, and sometimes single-sourced, and a supply interruption or delay could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.***

The products we market, distribute and sell are either manufactured at our own manufacturing facilities or, in certain cases, through supply agreements with third parties. Many of our products are the result of complex manufacturing processes, and are sometimes dependent on highly specialized raw materials. In addition, for certain of our products, and certain key raw materials, we have only a single source of supply. As a result, we can provide no assurances that supply sources will not be interrupted from time to time. For these same reasons, the volume of production of any product cannot be rapidly altered. As a result, if we fail to accurately predict market demand for any of our products, we may not be able to produce enough of the product to meet that demand, which could affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

***We may not be able to consummate and integrate future acquisitions.***

In the past, we have grown, in part, through a number of significant acquisitions, including our recent acquisition of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and our acquisitions of Ivax Corporation in January 2006 and Sicom Inc. in January 2004. We continue to be engaged in various stages of evaluating or pursuing potential acquisitions and may in the future acquire other pharmaceutical and active pharmaceutical ingredients businesses and seek to integrate them into our own operations.

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Future acquisitions involve known and unknown risks that could adversely affect our future revenues and operating results. For example:

We may fail to identify acquisitions that enable us to execute our business strategy.

We compete with others to acquire companies. We believe that this competition has intensified and may result in decreased availability of, or increased prices for, suitable acquisition candidates.

We may not be able to obtain the necessary regulatory approvals, including those of competition authorities, in countries where we are seeking to consummate acquisitions.

We may ultimately fail to consummate an acquisition even if we announce that we plan to acquire a company.

Potential acquisitions may divert management's attention away from our primary product offerings, resulting in the loss of key customers and/or personnel and exposing us to unanticipated liabilities.

We may fail to integrate acquisitions successfully in accordance with our business strategy or achieve expected synergies, including in connection with our recent acquisition of Barr.

We may not be able to retain the skilled employees and experienced management that may be necessary to operate the businesses we acquire and, if we cannot retain such personnel, we may not be able to attract new skilled employees and experienced management to replace them.

We may purchase a company that has contingent liabilities that include, among others, known or unknown patent infringement or product liability claims.

***We may be susceptible to product liability claims that are not covered by insurance.***

Our business inherently exposes us to claims relating to the use of our products. We sell, and will continue to sell, pharmaceutical products for which product liability insurance coverage is not available to us, and, accordingly, we may be subject to claims that are not covered by insurance. Additional products for which we currently have coverage may be excluded in the future. In addition, certain claims may be subject to our deductible, exceed our policy limits or relate to damages that are not covered by our policy. Because of the nature of these claims, we are generally not permitted under U.S. GAAP to establish reserves in our accounts for such contingencies. In addition, product liability coverage for pharmaceutical companies is becoming more expensive and increasingly difficult to obtain and, as a result, we may not be able to obtain the type and amount of coverage we desire or to maintain our current coverage.

***Because we have substantial international operations, our sales and, to a lesser extent, our profits may be adversely affected by currency fluctuations and restrictions as well as credit risks.***

Over 40% of our revenues is from sales outside of the United States. As a result, we are subject to significant foreign currency risk, including foreign currency payment restrictions in certain countries. An increasing amount of our sales, particularly in Latin America and Central and Eastern European countries, is recorded in local currencies, which exposes us to the direct risk of local currency devaluations or fluctuations. We may also be exposed to credit risks in some of these less developed markets.

In particular, although the majority of our net sales and operating costs were denominated in, or linked to, the U.S. dollar, which is our functional currency, due to the geographic diversity of our operations, in 2008, we recorded sales and expenses in over 30 currencies in addition to the U.S. dollar. Approximately half of our operating costs in 2008 were incurred in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, particularly in euros,

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NIS, Hungarian forints, Canadian dollars and pounds sterling. As a result, fluctuations in exchange rates between the currencies in which such costs are incurred and the U.S. dollar may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, the value of balance sheet items denominated in foreign currencies and our financial condition.

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We use derivative financial instruments to further reduce our net exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations in the major foreign currencies in which we operate. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to effectively limit all of our exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations, which could affect our financial results.

The imposition of exchange or price controls or other restrictions on the conversion of foreign currencies could also have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

*We have significant operations in countries that may be adversely affected by acts of terrorism, political or economical instability or major hostilities.*

We are a global pharmaceutical company with worldwide operations. Over 80% of our sales are in North America and Western Europe. However, we expect to derive an increasing portion of our sales and future growth from other regions such as Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe, which may be more susceptible to political or economic instability.

Significant portions of our operations are conducted outside the markets in which our products are sold, and accordingly we often import a substantial number of products into such markets. We may, therefore, be denied access to our customers or suppliers or denied the ability to ship products from any of our sites as a result of a closing of the borders of the countries in which we sell our products, or in which our operations are located, due to economic, legislative, political and military conditions, including hostilities and acts of terror, in such countries.

Our executive offices and a substantial percentage of our manufacturing capabilities are located in Israel. Our Israeli operations are dependent upon materials imported from outside Israel. We also export significant amounts of products from Israel. Accordingly, our operations could be materially and adversely affected by acts of terrorism or if major hostilities were to occur in the Middle East or trade between Israel and its present trading partners were curtailed, including as a result of acts of terrorism in the United States or elsewhere.

*Patent litigation settlement agreements, which are important to our business, are facing increased government antitrust scrutiny.*

We are involved in numerous patent litigations in which we challenge the validity or enforceability of innovator companies' listed patents and/or their applicability to our products, and therefore settling patent litigations has been and is likely to continue to be an important part of our business. Parties to such settlement agreements in the U.S., including us, are required by law to file them with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ) for review. The FTC has publicly stated that, in its view, some of these settlement agreements violate the antitrust laws and has brought actions against some brand and generic companies that have entered into such agreements. Accordingly, we may receive formal or informal requests from the FTC for information about a particular settlement agreement, and there is a risk that the FTC may commence an action against us alleging violation of the antitrust laws. In addition, some members of Congress are trying to pass legislation that would limit the types of settlement agreements generic manufacturers can enter into with brand companies.

*Termination or expiration of governmental programs or tax benefits could adversely affect our overall effective tax rate.*

Our tax expenses and the resulting effective tax rate reflected in our financial statements are likely to increase over time as a result of changes in corporate income tax rates, other changes in the tax laws of the various countries in which we operate, changes in the mix of countries where we generate profit or inclusion of the Barr operations following its acquisition by Teva. We have benefited or currently benefit from a variety of government programs and tax benefits that generally carry conditions that we must meet in order to be eligible to obtain such benefits.

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If we fail to meet the conditions upon which certain favorable tax treatment is based, we would not be able to claim future tax benefits and could be required to refund tax benefits already received. Additionally, some of these programs and the related tax benefits are available to us for a limited number of years, and these benefits expire from time to time.

Any of the following could have a material effect on our overall effective tax rate:

some government programs may be discontinued,

we may be unable to meet the requirements for continuing to qualify for some programs,

these programs and tax benefits may be unavailable at their current levels,

upon expiration of a particular benefit, we may not be eligible to participate in a new program or qualify for a new tax benefit that would offset the loss of the expiring tax benefit, or

we may be required to refund previously recognized tax benefits if we are found to be in violation of the stipulated conditions.

***An increasing amount of intangible assets and goodwill on our books may lead to significant impairment charges in the future.***

We regularly review our long-lived assets, including identifiable intangible assets and goodwill, for impairment. Goodwill, trade names and acquired product and marketing rights are subject to impairment review at least annually. Other long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment when there is an indication that an impairment may have occurred. The amount of goodwill and other intangible assets on our consolidated balance sheet has increased significantly in recent years, primarily as a result of our recent acquisitions. Impairment testing under U.S. GAAP may lead to further impairment charges in the future. Any significant impairment charges could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

***Our failure to comply with applicable environmental laws and regulations worldwide could adversely impact our business and results of operations.***

We are subject to laws and regulations concerning the environment, safety matters, regulation of chemicals and product safety in the countries where we manufacture and sell our products or otherwise operate our business. These requirements include regulation of the handling, manufacture, transportation, use and disposal of materials, including the discharge of pollutants into the environment. In the normal course of our business, we are exposed to risks relating to possible releases of hazardous substances into the environment, which could cause environmental or property damage or personal injuries, and which could require remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater. Under certain laws, we may be required to remediate contamination at certain of our properties, regardless of whether the contamination was caused by us or by previous occupants of the property.

In recent years, the operations of all companies have become subject to increasingly stringent legislation and regulation related to occupational safety and health, product registration and environmental protection. Such legislation and regulations are complex and constantly changing, and we cannot assure you that future changes in laws or regulations would not require us to install additional controls for certain of our emission sources, to undertake changes in our manufacturing processes or to remediate soil or groundwater contamination at facilities where such clean-up is not currently required.

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### **ITEM 4: INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY**

#### **Introduction**

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited is a global pharmaceutical company that develops, produces and markets generic drugs covering all major treatment categories. We are the leading generic drug company in the world, as well as in the United States, in terms of both total and new prescriptions. We also have a significant and growing branded pharmaceutical business, including Copaxone® for multiple sclerosis and Azilect® for Parkinson's disease, respiratory products and, following our acquisition of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., women's health products. Our active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) business provides significant vertical integration to our own pharmaceutical production and sells to third party manufacturers.

Our global operations are conducted in North America, Europe, Latin America, Asia and Israel. Following the acquisition of Barr, we have direct operations in more than 60 countries, as well as 38 finished dosage pharmaceutical manufacturing sites in 17 countries, 20 generic R&D centers operating mostly within certain manufacturing sites and 20 API manufacturing sites around the world. In 2008, we generated approximately 60% of our sales in North America (which for the purpose of this report includes the United States and Canada only), approximately 25% in Europe (which for the purpose of this report includes all European Union (EU) member states and other Western European countries) and approximately 15% in other regions (primarily Latin America, including Mexico, Israel and Central and Eastern European countries that are not members of the EU). For a breakdown of our sales by business segment and by geographic market for the past three years, see Item 5: Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Results of Operations Sales General.

Teva was incorporated in Israel on February 13, 1944, and is the successor to a number of Israeli corporations, the oldest of which was established in 1901. Our executive offices are located at 5 Basel Street, P.O. Box 3190, Petach Tikva 49131 Israel, telephone number 972-3-926-7267. Our website is [www.tevapharm.com](http://www.tevapharm.com).

**Barr Acquisition.** On December 23, 2008, we completed the acquisition of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a U.S.-based multinational generic pharmaceutical company with operations mainly in the United States and Europe, for approximately \$4.6 billion in cash and 69 million ADSs. Barr's net debt as of the acquisition date was approximately \$1.5 billion. For accounting purposes, the transaction was valued at \$7.5 billion, based on the average value of the ADSs during the five trading day period commencing two trading days before the date of the merger agreement.

The acquisition of Barr enhances our leadership position in the United States and expands our international presence, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe. The acquisition also provides us with growth opportunities in first-to-file generic positions in our core U.S. business and new capabilities in women's healthcare, including a strong proprietary product portfolio. In addition, the combined company is expected to have greater resources and expertise in biogenerics.

#### **Strategy**

In 2008, we continued to pursue our goal of doubling the size of our 2007 business, by generating revenues of \$20 billion and reaching net income margins of more than 20% by 2012. Our growth strategy includes the following elements:

***Increasing Our Market Share:*** Growing our market share in key markets, including the world's largest market for generic pharmaceuticals, the U.S., and securing or enhancing our market positions in Europe, Latin America and other important international markets;

***Accelerating Investment in Our Product Portfolio:*** Increasing generic R&D capabilities and production capacity with a focus on capturing more first-to-market opportunities in key markets, including Paragraph IV filings in the U.S.;

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***Redefining Customer Service:*** Rapidly responding to customers' most significant needs by, among other things, broadening our product portfolio and executing more new product launches, optimizing a truly global supply chain, helping customers more efficiently manage their inventory and customizing shipping methods based on specific customer needs;

***Biopharmaceuticals:*** Continuing to invest, either directly or in partnership with others, in the technologies, infrastructure and capabilities necessary to develop and produce affordable biopharmaceuticals, including biogenerics, leveraging our formulation and manufacturing expertise;

***Proprietary Pharmaceuticals:*** Focusing on niche therapeutic areas, including products with differentiated clinical attributes that will provide added economic value for patients and health insurers;

***Vertical integration:*** Extending our already significant vertical integration to our own pharmaceutical production to provide us with early access to high quality active pharmaceutical ingredients and improve our profitability, in addition to further enhancing our R&D capabilities; and

***Pursuing potential acquisitions:*** Continuing to actively seek and evaluate potential acquisitions, collaborations and other business combinations that may complement or enhance our business.

Our strategy is by its nature dynamic, reflecting our management's flexibility and ability to react to changing market conditions. Accordingly, we are in the process of adapting our strategy particularly in light of the expanded resources arising from the integration of Barr's operations into our existing capabilities.

## **Pharmaceutical Products**

### **Generic Products**

Generic pharmaceuticals are the chemical and therapeutic equivalents of brand-name drugs and are typically sold under their chemical names at prices substantially below those of the brand-name pharmaceuticals. Generics are required to meet similar governmental regulations as their brand-name equivalents and must receive regulatory approval prior to their sale in any given country. Generic pharmaceuticals may be manufactured and marketed only if relevant patents on their brand-name equivalents (and any additional government-mandated market exclusivity periods) have expired or have been challenged and invalidated or otherwise legally circumvented.

Sales of generic pharmaceuticals are benefiting from increasing awareness and acceptance on the part of healthcare insurers and institutions, consumers, physicians and pharmacists globally. Factors contributing to this increased awareness are the passage of legislation permitting or encouraging substitution and the publication by regulatory authorities of lists of equivalent pharmaceuticals, which provide physicians and pharmacists with generic alternatives. In addition, various government agencies and many private managed care or insurance programs encourage the substitution of generics for brand-name pharmaceuticals as a cost-savings measure in the purchase of, or reimbursement for, prescription pharmaceuticals. We believe that these factors, together with an aging population and a corresponding increase in healthcare costs, as well as the large number of branded products losing patent protection over the coming years, should lead to continued expansion of the generic pharmaceuticals market.

Through coordinated global research and development activities, we constantly seek to expand our range of generic products. Our generic product development strategy is two-fold: to introduce our generic products upon the patent expiration date of the equivalent brand-name pharmaceutical and to achieve market introduction at the earliest possible date, which may involve attempting to invalidate or otherwise legally circumvent existing patents. We actively review pharmaceutical patents and seek opportunities to challenge those patents that we believe are either invalid or would not be infringed by a generic version. In furtherance of this strategy, we also seek to enter into alliances to acquire rights to products we do not have or to otherwise share development costs or litigation risks, or to resolve patent barriers to entry.

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We believe that the global infrastructure we have built up for our generic business provides us with many advantages over our competitors, including the following:

global research and development facilities that enable us to have the broadest product line and the most extensive generic pipeline in the U.S., as well as a leading global generic pipeline;

finished-dose manufacturing facilities approved by the FDA and other regulatory authorities and located in countries around the world, which offer a broad array of production technologies and the ability to concentrate production to achieve economies of scale, thereby enabling us to achieve attractive profit margins in a highly competitive environment without compromising our commitment to excellence and product quality;

an API business that offers a stable, high-quality supply of key active ingredients, as well as vertical integration efficiencies; and

high-volume, technologically advanced distribution facilities that allow us to deliver new products to our customers quickly and efficiently, providing a cost-effective, safe and reliable supply.

These capabilities provide us the means to respond, on a global scale, to a wide range of requirements (both therapeutic and commercial) of patients, customers and healthcare providers.

We manufacture and sell generic pharmaceutical products in a variety of dosage forms, including tablets, capsules, ointments, creams, liquids, injectables and inhalants.

In 2008, we also continued to focus on sales of generic injectable products to hospitals and institutional channels, mostly in the U.S. and Europe, but also in Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe. Our competencies in the development and manufacturing of sterile products and our efficient global supply chain permit us to offer a wide range of oncology products, with different therapeutic mechanisms, in both parenteral and solid dosage forms.

Below is a summary of our North American, European and International generic operations:

### ***North America***

***United States.*** Our principal U.S. subsidiary, Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., is the leading generic drug company in the U.S. We market over 320 generic products in more than 1,000 dosage strengths and packaging sizes. We also have the capability to formulate, fill, label and package finished dosage forms of injectable pharmaceutical products. We believe that the breadth of our product offerings has been and will continue to be of strategic significance as the generics industry grows and as consolidation continues among purchasers, including large drugstore chains, wholesaling organizations, buying groups and managed care providers.

In 2008, we maintained our position as the U.S. generic market leader in total prescriptions and new prescriptions, with total prescriptions (not including Barr) increasing from approximately 438 million in 2007 to approximately 475 million in 2008, representing 19% of total U.S. generic prescriptions. We expect that our U.S. market leadership will continue to increase as a result of our ability to introduce new generic equivalents for brand-name products on a timely basis, regulatory compliance and high-volume cost-effective production, increased capacity, emphasis on customer service and the breadth of our product line.

Several factors have affected the U.S. generics industry in recent years, including consolidation at all levels, the introduction of a Medicare prescription drug program, and the efforts of brand companies to fight generic competition. Industry consolidation, which has taken place among pharmacy chains, wholesalers, benefit managers and generic producers themselves, has generally resulted in fewer, but larger, players throughout the supply chain, from manufacturers to middlemen to customers.



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**Barr Acquisition.** Barr manufactures and markets in the U.S. approximately 115 generic drugs in an aggregate of approximately 230 dosage strengths and forms. We expect that our share of total pharmaceutical prescriptions, which was already the highest of any pharmaceutical company in the U.S., branded or generic, will be enhanced by the acquisition of Barr, whose share in 2008 of the U.S. generic pharmaceutical prescriptions was 5%.

**Products.** In 2008, we launched 28 generic versions of the following branded products in the U.S. (listed in order of launch):

Generic Name	Brand Name	Launch Date	Total Branded Market at Time of Generic	
			Launch	\$ millions (IMS)*
Granisetron tablets	Kytril®	Jan-08	\$	84.4
Granisetron HCl injection SD&MD vials w/preservative	Kytril®	Jan-08	\$	75.0
Granisetron HCl injection SD vials w/out preservative	Kytril®	Jan-08	\$	484.8
Ipratropium bromide/albuterol sulfate inhalation solution	Duoneb®	Jan-08	\$	226.8
Oxytocin injection	Pitocin®	Jan-08	\$	29.9
Alendronate tablets	Fosamax®	Feb-08	\$	1,873.3
Griseofulvin oral suspension	Grifulvin V®	Feb-08	\$	31.1
Oxcarbazepine tablets	Trileptal®	Feb-08	\$	697.8
Irinotecan HCl injection	Camptosar®	Feb-08	\$	559.9
Ciprofloxacin (in 5% dextrose) bags	Cipro®	Mar-08	\$	49.7
Epoprostenol sodium injection	Flolan®	Apr-08	\$	134.0
Ropinirole tablets	Requip®	May-08	\$	527.3
Fluoxetine HCl capsules	Sarafem®	May-08	\$	36.4
Cetirizine hydrochloride suspension	Zyrtec®	May-08	\$	99.6
Bupropion 150mg tablets	Wellbutrin XL®	May-08	\$	947.9
Zaleplon capsules	Sonata®	Jun-08	\$	87.7
Ramipril capsules	Altace®	Jun-08	\$	844.8
Risperidone tablets	Risperdal®	Jun-08	\$	2,666.2
Lamotrigine tablets	Lamictal®	Jul-08	\$	2,333.5
Divalproex DR tablets	Depakote®	Jul-08	\$	822.8
Doxycycline suspension	Vibramycin®	Aug-08	\$	18.0
Adenosine injection syringe	Adenocard®	Aug-08	\$	12.3
Nicardipine injection	Cardene®	Sep-08	\$	187.6
Azithromycin suspension	Zithromax®	Sep-08	\$	186.9
Fluconazole suspension	Diflucan®	Sep-08	\$	7.6
Fentanyl transdermal	Duragesic®	Oct-08	\$	1,164.5
Budesonide inhalation solution	Pulmicort®	Nov-08	\$	996.2
Rocuronium bromide injection	Zemuron®	Dec-08	\$	148.1

\* Branded market size is a commonly used measurement of the relative significance of a potential generic product. The figures given are for the twelve months ended in the calendar quarter closest to our launch. Generic equivalents of any given product are typically sold at prices substantially below the branded price.

The FDA requires companies to submit ANDAs for approval to manufacture and market generic forms of brand-name drugs.

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In 2008, we received, in addition to 24 final generic drug approvals, 11 tentative approvals. A tentative approval letter indicates that the FDA has substantially completed its review of an application and final approval is expected once the relevant patent expires, a court decision is reached or a 30-month regulatory stay lapses. The 11 tentative approvals received were for generic equivalents of the following products:

Generic Name	Brand Name	Total Branded Market \$ millions (IMS)*
Almotriptan maleate tablets	Axert®	\$ 65.0
Anastrozole tablets	Arimidex®	\$ 729.6
Arsenic trioxide injection	Trisenox®	\$ 18.8
Lansoprazole DR capsules	Prevacid®	\$ 3,231.7
Perindopril tablets	Aceon®	\$ 31.9
Quetiapine fumarate tablets	Seroquel®	\$ 3,699.2
Raloxifene tablets	Evista®	\$ 701.4
Rizatriptan tablets	Maxalt®	\$ 210.8
Sumatriptan succinate syringe	Imitrex®	\$ 212.1
Tamsulosin capsules	Flomax®	\$ 1,485.8
Valsartan tablets	Diovan®	\$ 1,513.7

\* The figures given are for the twelve months ended September 30, 2008.

Our potential for revenue growth from generic products in the U.S. is closely related to our pipeline of pending ANDAs with the FDA, as well as tentative approvals already granted. As of February 5, 2009, we (including Barr) had 201 product registrations awaiting FDA approval (including some products through strategic partnerships), including 46 tentative approvals. The number of ANDAs submitted in 2008 represented both an industry and company record for any twelve-month period. Collectively, the brand-name versions of these 201 products had U.S. sales in 2008 exceeding \$110 billion. Of these applications, 128 were Paragraph IV applications challenging patents of branded products. We believe we are the first to file with respect to 85 of these products, the branded versions of which had U.S. sales of more than \$53 billion in 2008, and anticipate final approvals for most of these applications within the next three years.

In most instances, FDA approval is granted upon the expiration of the underlying patents. However, companies may be rewarded with a 180-day period of marketing exclusivity, as provided by law, for successfully challenging or circumventing these patents. As part of our strategy, we actively review pharmaceutical patents and seek opportunities to challenge patents that we believe are either invalid or not infringed by our generic version. In addition to the commercial benefit of obtaining marketing exclusivity, we believe that our patent challenges ultimately improve healthcare by allowing consumers earlier access to more affordable, high-quality medications.

**Collaborations.** As part of our strategy to bring generic versions to market as early as possible, we seek to enter into alliances with partners to acquire rights to products we do not have, to share development costs or litigation risks, and/or to resolve patent barriers to entry. Described below are certain alliances that provide significant current contributions to our generic pharmaceutical business.

In 1997, we entered into a marketing and product development agreement with Biovail Corporation that has provided us with exclusive U.S. marketing rights for certain of Biovail's pipeline of controlled-release generic versions of successful brands. Under this agreement, which expires in 2011, we currently market generic versions of Cardizem® CD (diltiazem HCl), Adalat® CC (nifedipine) and Procardia XL® (nifedipine) in the U.S. We have also entered into a long-term supply agreement under which Biovail purchases active pharmaceutical ingredients from us.

In 2001, we entered into a strategic alliance agreement for twelve controlled-release generic pharmaceutical products with Impax Laboratories, Inc. The agreement grants us exclusive U.S. marketing rights and an option to

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acquire exclusive marketing rights in the rest of North America, Latin America, Europe and Israel. In 2002, we exercised our option with respect to certain products in Canada. Under this agreement, we currently market generic versions of Wellbutrin SR<sup>®</sup> (bupropion) tablets, Zyban<sup>®</sup> (bupropion) tablets, Ditropan XL<sup>®</sup> (oxybutynin), and Wellbutrin XL<sup>®</sup> (bupropion) tablets. We hold approximately 3.8% of Impax's common stock, which was issued to us under the agreement and in repayment of loans from us under such agreement.

In 2006, we entered into an agreement with Impax and Anchen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. for the marketing of the generic version of Wellbutrin XL<sup>®</sup> (bupropion) tablets, 300 mg, the branded product marketed by GlaxoSmithKline. In accordance with the agreement, Anchen took the regulatory steps necessary to permit Impax to obtain final FDA approval of Impax's ANDA for this product, and for us to sell the product during Anchen's 180-day exclusivity period. In return, Anchen received certain payments from us, both during and after the exclusivity period. Pursuant to our 2001 agreement with Impax, we have U.S. marketing rights to Impax's version of this product, and commenced sales in December 2006. In addition, we received a license to sell the generic version of Wellbutrin XL<sup>®</sup> (bupropion) tablets, 150 mg, in 2008. The license was exclusive for six months from launch and non-exclusive thereafter. We launched this product on May 30, 2008 by agreement with Anchen, which was awarded 180-day marketing exclusivity.

**Recent Patent Litigation Settlements.** From time to time we enter into agreements settling patent litigation with branded companies. We believe that these agreements benefit both U.S. consumers, by accelerating the introduction and increasing the availability of our lower cost generic products, and us, by removing uncertainty regarding possible litigation risks. We will continue to evaluate any potential future settlements on a case-by-case basis. Below are examples of significant settlements we reached during the last several years:

In 2005, we settled a patent dispute with GlaxoSmithKline relating to lamotrigine, the generic version of GlaxoSmithKline's Lamictal<sup>®</sup>. GlaxoSmithKline granted us an exclusive royalty-bearing license to distribute generic lamotrigine chewable tablets (5 mg and 25 mg) in the U.S. no later than June 2005. We were also granted the exclusive right to manufacture and sell a generic version of lamotrigine tablets (25mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, and 200 mg) in the U.S. The product was launched in July 2008.

Also in 2005, in settlement of a patent dispute with Wyeth over the generic version of Effexor XR<sup>®</sup> (venlafaxine), Wyeth granted us a royalty-bearing license to manufacture and sell generic Effexor XR<sup>®</sup> in the U.S. no later than July 2010. The license is exclusive for the first six months after our launch.

In September 2007, we settled a patent dispute with GlaxoSmithKline that will enable us to enter the U.S. market in the first quarter of 2012 with generic versions of Avandia<sup>®</sup> (rosiglitazone maleate), Avandamet<sup>®</sup> (metformin/rosiglitazone) and Avandaryl<sup>®</sup> (glimepiride/rosiglitazone) oral tablets.

In October 2007, we settled patent disputes with Astellas Pharma Inc. and King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. regarding our submission of an ANDA for a generic version of Adenoscan<sup>®</sup> (adenosine injectable), a pharmacologic diagnostic adjunct. Under the settlement agreement, we will be able to launch our generic version pursuant to a license in September 2012, or earlier under certain circumstances.

In November 2008, we and Barr each settled patent disputes with Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC and Albany Molecular Research, Inc. involving our U.S. generic versions of Aventis Pharmaceuticals' Allegra<sup>®</sup> (fexofenadine) 30mg, 60mg and 180mg tablets. The agreement releases us for all past and future activities in connection with the marketing and sale in the U.S. of our generic fexofenadine tablets. Under the agreement, we paid Aventis approximately \$30 million and will pay Aventis a royalty on future U.S. sales.

Also in November 2008, we settled a patent dispute with AstraZeneca involving our U.S. generic version of AstraZeneca's Pulmicort<sup>®</sup> (budesonide) respules, which we launched on November 18, 2008. The agreement releases us from liability for all past U.S. sales of generic budesonide respules and provides that any product

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already shipped may remain in the market to be further distributed and dispensed. The agreement also provides us an exclusive license to resume shipping additional units of budesonide respules on December 15, 2009 (or earlier based on certain contingencies).

***Barr Patent Litigation Settlements***

In 1996, Barr entered into settlement and license agreements with Shire plc ( Shire ) relating to the resolution of two patent cases involving Shire's Adderall XR® (mixed amphetamine salts) product. Under these agreements, Barr obtained the right to launch a generic version of Adderall XR® commencing on April 1, 2009. The license is exclusive for the first 180 days following Barr's launch.

In 2005, Barr and Kos Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ( Kos ), entered into various agreements relating to the resolution of patent litigation involving Kos Niaspan® (niacin) products. The settlement and license agreement gave Barr the right to launch a generic version of Niaspan® commencing on September 20, 2013.

In 2008, Barr signed a settlement and license agreement with Boehringer Ingelheim to resolve patent litigation involving Boehringer Ingelheim's Mirapex® (pramipexole) product. Barr obtained the right to launch its generic version of Mirapex commencing no later than January 1, 2010.

In 2008, in settlement of certain patent litigation between the parties, Barr entered into supply and licensing agreements with Bayer for generic versions of Bayer's Yasmin® (drospirenone and ethinyl estradiol) and Yaz® (drospirenone and ethinyl estradiol) oral contraceptive products. Barr launched Yasmin® in June 2008 and has the right to launch an authorized generic version of Yaz® on July 1, 2011, or earlier in certain circumstances.

**Marketing and Sales.** In 2008, our sales in the U.S. by channel were as follows:

	<b>2008</b>
Drug store chains	40%
Drug wholesalers*	34%
Managed care organizations	17%
Generic distributors	6%
Governmental facilities and others	3%

\* A major portion of the products sold to wholesalers ends up in drug store chains.

Our sales organization consists of the Teva Generics group and the Teva Health Systems group, aligning the sales force with the customer base. The Teva Generics sales force calls on purchasing agents for chain drug stores, drug wholesalers, health maintenance organizations, mail order pharmacies, pharmacy buying groups and nursing homes. The Health Systems group handles unit dose products and finished-dosage injectable pharmaceutical products that are used primarily in institutional settings. It focuses on the injectable pharmaceutical market and key institutional accounts, including hospitals and clinics for critical care, government systems, hospital group purchasing organizations, managed care groups and other large healthcare purchasing organizations.

In the U.S., our wholesale selling efforts are supported by professional journal advertising and exhibitions at key medical and pharmaceutical conventions. From time to time, we also bid for U.S. government-tendered contracts.

**Canada.** Through Novopharm Limited, our Canadian subsidiary, we manufacture and market generic prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada. We are the second largest generic pharmaceutical company in Canada, with a product portfolio that includes 193 generic products in approximately 735 dosage forms and packaging sizes. In 2008, we launched generic equivalents of the following brand products (in order of launch date): Sandostatin MDV® (octreotide), Sandostatin SDV®, MS Contin® (morphine sulphate), Pantoloc® (pantoprazole), Percocet®, Cipro IV® (ciprofloxacin), Dixarit® (clonidine HCL), Gemzar® (gemcitabine), Seroquel® (quetiapine), Diane-35® (cyproterone/ethinyl estradiol) and Camptosar® (irinotecan).

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In Canada, the Therapeutic Products Directorate of Health Canada requires companies to make an abbreviated new drug submission in order to receive approval to manufacture and market generic pharmaceuticals. As of the end of 2008, we had applications for 71 products awaiting approval of the Therapeutic Products Directorate. Collectively, the branded versions of these products had Canadian sales in 2008 of approximately U.S. \$3.9 billion.

Our sales force in Canada markets generic products to wholesalers and retail chains, reaching approximately 7,500 pharmacies. Canada continues to see consolidation of independent retail pharmacies and increased expansion of retail chains. The top five retail chain customers in Canada represent approximately 50% of the market (by dollar). The business is conducted primarily through multi-year contracts with major group purchasing organizations or hospital buying groups.

### ***Europe***

Effective April 1, 2008, the management and administration of our businesses in Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries that are members of the European Union were integrated into Teva Europe, which now includes all EU member states and other Western European markets. CEE countries that are not EU members will continue to be managed by our International Group.

We are one of the leading generic pharmaceutical companies in Europe, with direct operations in 26 EU member states as well as Norway and Switzerland. Our primary strategic objective in Europe is to maintain or acquire a leadership position in each country in which we operate. We expect to continue a strong program of registering a broad portfolio of generic products, expand our customer base, capitalize on pro-generic governmental reforms and, where appropriate, seek strategic acquisitions and alliances. We have also established pan-European relationships with many of our customers.

In Europe, the generics market varies considerably from country to country in terms of market penetration and other characteristics. In 2008, generic penetration ranged between 50% and 70% of total pharmaceutical sales (measured by units) in the U.K., the Netherlands, Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic. Such relatively high penetration rates are in contrast with other major European markets, such as France, Italy and Spain, where the market share of generics was between 5% and 20%. We believe that these less developed generic markets will, over time, provide a significant opportunity for growth in sales.

In certain European countries, there is a market for both branded generic products and drugs sold under their generic chemical names, while in others, there is a market for branded generics only. Some countries, such as the U.K. and the Netherlands (so-called pure generic markets), permit substitution by pharmacists, while other countries permit pharmacists to dispense only the specific pharmaceutical product prescribed by doctors.

Certain European governments, which see generics as an opportunity to lower healthcare costs significantly, pursued various reforms in 2008. In the U.K., the government initiated the next stage of its reform of pharmacy remuneration, which resulted in further price reductions. In the Netherlands, a new preference system was introduced, which gives pharmaceutical companies an incentive to reduce prices by becoming exclusive suppliers to state insurers.

The overall value of branded products expected to lose patent protection in the top eight European markets between 2009 and 2014 is estimated to be approximately \$36 billion. However, the variations in regulatory regimes by country often result in differences in patent expiration dates and, because of data exclusivity restrictions, differences in the timing of generic launches.

In 2008, among the most significant products we sold in Europe were generic versions of the following branded products: Casodex® (bicalutamide), Coversyl® (perindopril), Diamocron® (gliclazide), Effexor® (venlafaxide), Famvir® (famciclovir), Gopten® (trandolapril), Lescol® (fluvastatin), Natralix® (indepamide),

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Nebilet® (neбиволol), Oncovin® (vincristine), Pharrmarubicin® (epirubicin), Sandimmun Optoral® (ciclosporine), Prilosec® (omeprazole), Risperdal® (risperidone), Trevilor® (venlafaxine), Telfast® (fexofenadine), Subutex® (buprenorfine) and Xyzal® (levocetirizine).

In Europe, while marketing authorizations for generic products may be obtained through a decentralized mutual recognition procedure, a centralized procedure involving the European Medicines Agency ( EMEA ) may be used, which results in an approval applicable in all EU member states. In 2008, we received an aggregate of 1,197 European generic approvals relating to 142 compounds in 272 formulations, including three approvals from the EMEA. As of December 31, 2008, we, including Barr, had approximately 4,326 marketing authorization applications pending approval in 30 European countries relating to 256 compounds in 528 formulations, including 14 applications pending with the EMEA.

**Barr Acquisition.** The acquisition of Barr substantially expanded our operations in Germany and Poland. In Germany, Barr's generic products are marketed through a subsidiary, AWD pharma GmbH, and its oncology products are marketed through O.R.C.A. pharm GmbH. In Poland, where Barr ranks fourth in terms of generic pharmaceutical sales and has a strong portfolio of over-the-counter drugs, Barr also has manufacturing and R&D facilities. For a description of Barr's operations in countries that are not members of the EU, see [International](#) below.

Below is a summary of our operations in selected European countries:

### ***United Kingdom***

We are the leading generic pharmaceutical company in the U.K. in terms of sales to the National Health Service, which is the sole national insurer. We have a portfolio of over 200 generic products, which are sold in approximately 560 dosage forms and packaging sizes. We maintain the largest sales force in the generic industry focusing on independent retail pharmacies.

The U.K. pharmaceutical market is characterized by a high generic penetration of approximately 60% in terms of volume. In 2008, the government initiated the next stage of its reform of pharmacy remuneration, seeking to incentivize pharmacists to offer more services by reducing the reimbursement levels paid to pharmacists (and therefore reducing their ability to achieve substantial profits from the sales of drugs alone) by cutting approximately \$600 million per year from the reimbursement value of generic medicines. Generics manufacturers were affected by the resulting reduction in demand from retail pharmacists and pharmaceutical wholesalers.

In 2008, we launched 34 new products in the U.K., including the generic versions of Casodex® (bicalutamide), Telfast® (fexofenadine), Famvir® (famciclovir), Subutex® (buprenorphine), Lescol® (fluvastatin), Diamicon® (gliclazide) MR, Kytril® (granisetron), Xyzal® (levocetirizine), Natralix® (indapamide) SR, Glucophage® (metformin) SR, Nebilet® (neбиволol), Gopten (trandolapril)®, Oncovin® (vincristine) and Effexor® (venlafaxine) XL.

In order to meet the expected requirements of the U.K. market and to improve customer service, we have invested in a highly automated distribution center, which we expect will become fully operational by the end of the second quarter of 2009. We believe that this distribution center will provide a competitive advantage by enabling us to tailor the distribution of products to both wholesalers and pharmacy chains.

### ***France***

We are the fourth largest generic company in France by sales, with a portfolio of approximately 150 generic products sold in approximately 330 dosage forms and packaging sizes.

The French pharmaceutical market is characterized by increasing generic penetration which, following governmental reforms which sought to encourage the dispensing of generic products, reached approximately

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20% of the total market in volume terms. In 2008, the French government imposed significant price cuts on existing products and decreased prices of new generics to be 55% less than the brand product compared to 50% in 2007.

In 2008, we launched 28 new products in France, including the generic versions of Lanzor<sup>®</sup> (lansoprazole), Risperdal<sup>®</sup> (risperidone), Hyperium<sup>®</sup> (rilmenidine), Lodoz Wytens<sup>®</sup> (bisoprolol/hydrochlorothiazide), Telfast<sup>®</sup> (fexofenadine), Clarythine<sup>®</sup> (loratadine), Zeclar / Naxy<sup>®</sup> (clarithromycine), Casodex<sup>®</sup> (bicalutamide), Diamicon<sup>®</sup> (gliclazide), Lescol/ Fractal<sup>®</sup> (fluvastatine) and Fludex<sup>®</sup> (indapamide).

### ***The Netherlands***

We are the leading generic company in the Netherlands and the third largest pharmaceutical company by sales (based on reimbursement price level). Our portfolio includes 260 generic products which are sold in approximately 760 dosage forms and packaging sizes.

The pharmaceutical market in the Netherlands is characterized by high generic penetration of approximately 50% of the total market in volume terms. In 2008, a new tender system was introduced, which gives pharmaceutical companies an incentive to reduce prices by becoming exclusive suppliers to health insurance organizations for a six month to one year period. Pharmacies and wholesalers were most impacted by this new system, as discounts from generic companies now flow directly to the insurer. The effect on us was substantially mitigated due to our broad portfolio offering, which provided us with a competitive advantage.

In 2008, we launched 15 new products in the Netherlands, including the generic versions of Coversyl<sup>®</sup> (perindopril), Casodex<sup>®</sup> (bicalutamide), Telfast<sup>®</sup> (fexofenadine), Effexor<sup>®</sup> (venlafaxine), Phital<sup>®</sup> (food supplements), Aerochamber Plus<sup>®</sup> (inhalation spacer device), Eloxatin<sup>®</sup> (oxaliplatin) and Qvar<sup>®</sup> (beclomethasone).

### ***Italy***

We are the leading generic company by sales and units in Italy, with a portfolio of 119 generic products in approximately 260 dosage forms and package sizes.

The Italian pharmaceutical market is characterized by a low generic penetration of approximately 10% in terms of volume. In 2009, new pharmaceutical regulations are expected to come into effect, reducing public prices for generics by 7% and regulating discounts to wholesalers and pharmacists.

In 2008, we launched 13 new products in Italy, including generic versions of of Antra<sup>®</sup> (omeprazole), Triatec<sup>®</sup> (ramipril), Selectin<sup>®</sup> (pravastatin), Clacid<sup>®</sup> (clarithromycin), Norvac<sup>®</sup> (amlodipine) and Stilnox<sup>®</sup> (zolpidem).

### ***Hungary***

We are the second largest generic company and the fifth largest pharmaceutical company by sales in Hungary, with a portfolio of 179 products in 679 dosage forms and packaging sizes. In addition to the retail reimbursed business, we are the second largest supplier in the over-the-counter ( OTC ) market and among the three leading suppliers to hospitals. We also have a wholesale division, which is the third largest in Hungary.

The Hungarian pharmaceutical market is characterized by high generic penetration of approximately 50% in terms of volume.

In 2008, we launched nine new products in Hungary, including the generic versions of Actonel<sup>®</sup> (risedronate) and Cosaar<sup>®</sup> (losartan).

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### ***Germany***

In Germany, we have a product portfolio that includes 107 generic products which are sold in approximately 540 dosage forms and packaging sizes. Following the acquisition of Barr, we became the sixth largest generic company in Germany with a portfolio of 225 generic products sold in approximately 926 dosage forms and packaging sizes.

As a result of legislative changes introduced in 2007, the German generic pharmaceutical market, which is characterized by high branded generic penetration of approximately 70% in terms of volume, is evolving into a tender-driven market in which state health insurers may enter into direct rebate agreements with pharmaceutical manufacturers. Under this system, pharmacists are obliged to dispense products of pharmaceutical manufacturers that hold such rebate contracts with the health insurer of the patient, except in cases where the physician has specifically ruled out such substitution. In December 2008, we were chosen, together with a partner, to supply AOK, the largest German healthcare fund, with 15 tender contracts, which represent approximately 20% of the tender value. We are aware of ongoing legal challenges against the results of the AOK tender which may delay the implementation or otherwise adversely affect the tender.

In 2008, we launched 19 new products in Germany, including the generic versions of Phamarubicin<sup>®</sup> (epirubicin), Sandimmun Optoral<sup>®</sup> (cyclosporine pro), Prilosec<sup>®</sup> (omeprazole), Risperdal<sup>®</sup> (risperidone) and Trevilor<sup>®</sup> (venlafaxine).

### ***Poland***

In 2008, we were the ninth largest generic company in Poland with a product portfolio that includes 66 generic products which are sold in approximately 152 dosage forms and packaging sizes. Following the acquisition of Barr, we became the third largest generic company and the sixth largest pharmaceutical company in Poland, with a portfolio that includes 162 generic products in approximately 386 dosage forms and packaging sizes.

The Polish pharmaceutical market is characterized by high generic, predominately branded, penetration of approximately 70% in terms of volume.

In 2008, we launched 10 new products, including the generic version of Sortis<sup>®</sup> (attractin).

### ***Czech Republic***

We are the second largest generic pharmaceutical company in the Czech Republic, with a portfolio of 104 products in approximately 228 dosage forms and packaging sizes.

The Czech pharmaceutical market is characterized by high generic penetration of approximately 55% in terms of volume, despite the branded generic character of the market. As a result of healthcare reforms initiated in 2008 by the government, the generic segment of the market declined in both value and volume. Three elements of the reform negatively affected generic companies' charges per prescription; physician's visit and hospitalization; and a two-level external reference price system which resulted in price decreases.

In 2008, we launched eight new products, including the generic versions of Losec<sup>®</sup> (omeprazole), Eloxatin<sup>®</sup> (oxaliplatin), Kytril<sup>®</sup> (granisetron), Monopril<sup>®</sup> (fosinopril) and Reminyl<sup>®</sup> (galantamine).

### ***Spain***

Following our acquisition of Bentley Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in July 2008, we became the fourth largest generic company by sales in Spain with a portfolio of 78 products, sold in approximately 540 dosage forms and packaging sizes.



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The Spanish pharmaceutical market is characterized by low generic penetration of approximately 18% in terms of volume. The top five wholesalers represent more than 60% of the market.

In 2008, we launched 32 new products in Spain, including the generic versions of Fosamax<sup>®</sup> (alendronate), Benestan<sup>®</sup> (alfuzozin), Famvir<sup>®</sup> (famciclovir), Diflucan<sup>®</sup> (fluconazole), Neurontin<sup>®</sup>, (gabapentine) Diamicon<sup>®</sup> (gliclazide), Kytril<sup>®</sup> (granisetron), Cozaar<sup>®</sup> (losartan), Risperdal<sup>®</sup> (risperidone), Seroxat<sup>®</sup> (paroxetine), Imigran<sup>®</sup> (sumatriptan), Vandral<sup>®</sup> (venlafaxine), Artal<sup>®</sup> (pentoxifylline), Beneflur<sup>®</sup> (fludarabine) and Eloxantin<sup>®</sup> (oxaliplatin).

**Other European Markets.** We are also currently establishing or growing our operations in other European countries, such as Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Switzerland, Ireland, Portugal, Austria, Greece, Finland and Norway.

### ***International***

Our International Group is responsible for markets other than the U.S., Canada, and those included under Teva Europe. While each of these markets differs from the others, in general the main markets are characterized by rapid growth and relatively high sales of OTC and branded generic products.

**Barr Acquisition.** The acquisition of Barr brought significant operations in Croatia and Russia through Pliva d.d., which was acquired by Barr in late 2006. Pliva's share of the Croatian generic market is approximately 14%. The business in Croatia, which is the site of Barr's European headquarters, includes manufacturing, R&D and API facilities.

Below is a summary of our operations in Latin America, Russia, Israel and Japan:

### ***Latin America***

We market a broad portfolio containing innovative, branded generic, generic and OTC pharmaceutical products in Latin America. We distribute our products in most of the Latin American countries. In most cases, these products are manufactured in our facilities in Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Peru and Venezuela.

Mexico, Chile, Brazil, Argentina and Venezuela are the largest pharmaceutical markets in the region, with substantial local manufacturing and, due to the historical absence of effective patent protections for innovative drugs, a history of reliance on generic and branded generic products.

Total pharmaceutical retail sales in the region exceeded \$32.8 billion in 2008 and, according to IMS forecasts, the Latin American pharmaceutical market is expected to grow at an average annual rate of approximately 11% through 2012.

We intend to expand our operations in Latin America, taking advantage of the expected increases in spending on healthcare (and on pharmaceuticals in particular) and growing populations, leveraging our manufacturing expertise, building on our existing brands and expanding the indications served.

Below is a discussion of operations in our main markets in the region, listed in order of contribution to sales. The three leading markets account for approximately 60% of our total sales in the region.

In **Venezuela**, we are the leading company in terms of prescriptions, with a market share for 2008 of approximately 7%. Our primary business consists of branded generics, which are sold to distributors and wholesalers, with a small portion of sales being made directly to pharmacies, institutions and governmental customers.

In **Chile**, we are the largest pharmaceutical company in terms of sales and prescriptions for both branded generics and generics. We market our products to retail and institutional (hospitals and clinics) customers and export to 13 other countries within the region. Branded generics account for approximately three-quarters of our sales in dollar terms, with the remainder consisting of generics and over-the-counter products.

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In **Argentina**, we manufacture and sell approximately 160 branded generic and OTC products. As is largely the case in the rest of the region, the Argentine pharmaceutical market is highly fragmented with no single company claiming market leadership. We are the third largest pharmaceutical company in terms of sales, with a market share of approximately 5% for 2008. Sales are made primarily to distributors and wholesalers, with the remainder directly to healthcare institutions.

In **Mexico**, our operations include four pharmaceutical manufacturing sites, supplying primarily to the domestic market, as well as to other markets in Latin America. Sales are made primarily to the public sector (through government tenders and institutional sales), with private sales, including sales of our innovative products (Copaxone<sup>®</sup>, as well as Azilect<sup>®</sup>) and OTC products.

In **Peru**, we are the fifth largest pharmaceutical company in terms of sales. The vast majority of our sales are to pharmacy chains, distributors and wholesalers. Approximately 20% of sales are to governmental customers. We also operate the third largest pharmacy chain, which purchases 16% of our pharmaceutical output in Peru.

### ***Other Countries in Teva's International Group***

**Israel.** We are the leading provider of professional healthcare solutions (products and services) in the Israeli market. Sales in Israel accounted for 4% of our total sales in 2008. In this market, in addition to innovative pharmaceutical, generics and OTC products, we sell and distribute a wide range of healthcare products and services, including consumer healthcare products, hospital supplies, dialysis equipment and disposables, diagnostics and home care services. Our sales in Israel are made through our distribution company, Salomon, Levin and Elstein Ltd., which sells directly to institutional customers, as well as to private pharmacies and chains. Our Israeli product portfolio also includes products sold under licensing arrangements. As in several European markets, prices for our products in Israel are significantly affected by pricing regulations and governmental policies.

**Russia.** Sales in Russia consisted primarily of Copaxone<sup>®</sup>, respiratory products, hospitals and retail generics and OTC products, complemented by biogeneric products. The regulatory environment in Russia is characterized by continuing government-imposed cost containment measures for products included in the reimbursement list.

**Japan.** Japan is the second largest pharmaceutical market worldwide, estimated at approximately \$70 billion in 2008. Generic penetration is estimated at 19% of volume and 4% of value. In 2007, the Japanese government set an objective to double generic usage and reach 30% market share in terms of volume by 2012. On September 24, 2008, we signed a definitive agreement with Kowa Company Ltd. to establish a leading generic pharmaceutical company in Japan. The company, Teva-Kowa Pharma Co., Ltd., is a 50-50 joint venture that will seek to leverage the marketing, research and development, manufacturing and distribution capabilities of each partner to become a broad-based supplier of high quality generic pharmaceutical products for the Japanese market. Teva-Kowa Pharma will become operational in 2009.

We are also currently establishing or growing our operations in other countries, including Brazil, China, Colombia and Turkey.

### **Global Branded Products Group**

Our branded business includes (1) two innovative products that we developed: Copaxone<sup>®</sup>, for the treatment of multiple sclerosis, and Azilect<sup>®</sup>, for the treatment of Parkinson's disease, (2) respiratory products, (3) biopharmaceuticals and biogenerics and (4) women's health products—the proprietary business acquired in December 2008 as part of the Barr acquisition.

### **Innovative Products**

#### ***Copaxone<sup>®</sup>***

Copaxone<sup>®</sup>, our largest product and first major innovative drug, is the leading multiple sclerosis (MS) therapy. Copaxone<sup>®</sup> is indicated for reduction of the frequency of relapses in patients with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis (RRMS), is a class of modifying therapy with a dual mode of action that offers MS patients a different treatment concept.

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Multiple sclerosis is a chronic disease of the central nervous system characterized by both inflammation and neurodegeneration, which are both interrelated and independent of each other. In the majority of patients, the disease is of the relapsing-remitting form, which is manifested by acute attacks (relapses) followed by recovery (remission). This recovery may be incomplete at times, resulting in a disability progression which is measured by the Expanded Disability Status Scale ( EDSS ).

Copaxone<sup>®</sup> is the first, and currently the only, non-interferon immunomodulator available for the treatment of RRMS.

In three pivotal clinical trials it has been demonstrated that daily subcutaneous injection of Copaxone<sup>®</sup> significantly reduces the relapse rate, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)-activity and burden of disease. Results recently presented from the U.S. pivotal trial extended as an open-label trial to 15 years (making it the longest continuous study ever of patients with RRMS) demonstrate that in patients who continue to inject Copaxone<sup>®</sup> for an average of 15 years, the number of attacks was reduced to an average of one attack every five years, and more than 80 percent of patients continue to walk unaided. In addition, no additional safety concerns other than those reported in the pivotal studies were detected in these long-term treated patients.

The current understanding of Copaxone<sup>®</sup> s mode of action suggests that it has a dual mechanism of action both outside and within the central nervous system (where MS is active) to regulate inflammation at the site of brain lesions. In addition, it has been demonstrated in animal models as well as in MS patients using unconventional MRI techniques that Copaxone<sup>®</sup> controls neurodegeneration and enhances repair. Copaxone<sup>®</sup> reduces the number of brain lesions that evolve into permanent black holes, slows brain shrinkage and increases the production of factors that enhance neuronal repair. It has also been demonstrated that Copaxone<sup>®</sup> increases the concentration of the metabolite NAA (N-acetyl aspartate), a marker that correlates with integrity of the axons, and that this effect is sustained over six years.

In 2007, results from three studies directly comparing the clinical and MRI outcomes of high dose interferon beta and Copaxone<sup>®</sup> sponsored by manufacturers of interferon beta products were presented in Lancet (October 2008). The BECOME, BEYOND and REGARD studies, which collectively involved over 3,000 RRMS patients, were designed to demonstrate the superiority of interferon beta over Copaxone<sup>®</sup>, but failed to do so in any of the various primary endpoints. Moreover, the REGARD study comparing Copaxone<sup>®</sup> and Rebif<sup>®</sup> 44mcg showed that Copaxone<sup>®</sup> was superior to Rebif<sup>®</sup> 44mcg in slowing the rate of brain shrinkage (atrophy).

In 2008, results from the PreCISe study (a Teva-sponsored trial in patients presenting with a first clinical event suggestive of MS) were announced. Findings demonstrated that early treatment with Copaxone<sup>®</sup> significantly reduced the risk of developing clinically definite multiple sclerosis (CDMS) by 45 percent compared to placebo and prolonged the time to disease conversion by over a year. Based on these results, the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA, involving over 20 EU countries) approved an expanded label for Copaxone<sup>®</sup> to include the treatment of patients with clinical isolated syndrome (CIS) suggestive of MS. A similar application for an expanded Copaxone<sup>®</sup> label is currently under review by the FDA. We also have applied for a similar expansion of Copaxone<sup>®</sup> s indication in other countries to include treatment of patients with a first clinical event suggestive of MS.

Finally, data from several studies published recently suggest that Copaxone<sup>®</sup> is beneficial not only for mild to moderate MS patients but also for aggressive recurrently relapsing patients. Patients who received Copaxone<sup>®</sup> alone following short-term induction treatment with an immunosuppressant (mitoxantrone), or following six months of combination therapy with monthly intravenous steroids, had a pronounced and sustainable reduction in relapses and MRI-measured enhancing lesions of the brain.

A large Phase III study called FORTE was concluded in July 2008. The study, which randomized 1,155 RRMS patients, compared the efficacy over 12 months of a new higher dose of glatiramer acetate (40mg/day) vs. the current dose of Copaxone<sup>®</sup> (20mg/day). Results showed the glatiramer acetate 40mg dose did not demonstrate increased efficacy in reducing the relapse rate; however, the higher dose maintained the safety and tolerability profile of Copaxone<sup>®</sup> 20mg.

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To date, Copaxone® has been approved for marketing in 52 countries worldwide, including the United States, Canada, Israel, 27 European Union countries, Switzerland, Australia, Russia, Turkey, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. Copaxone® was first launched in Israel in December 1996, followed by the United States in March 1997 and European Union approval in 2001.

In April 2008, we assumed the U.S. and Canadian distribution of Copaxone® from our partner, Sanofi-Aventis. Under the terms of our distribution agreements with Sanofi-Aventis, Sanofi-Aventis is entitled to receive payment from us of previously agreed-upon termination consideration of 25% of the in-market sales of Copaxone® in the U.S. and Canada for an additional two-year period. Although we record higher revenues as a result of this change, we are also responsible for certain marketing and administrative expenses, which are no longer shared with Sanofi-Aventis. The resulting increase in expenses offsets the increase in reported revenues, and therefore there was minimal negative change to net income in 2008. In April 2010, we will stop making this payment to Sanofi-Aventis and thereafter will record all in-market sales and profits of Copaxone® for the U.S. and Canada.

We have an additional collaborative agreement with Sanofi-Aventis for the marketing of Copaxone® in Europe and other markets. Under the terms of this agreement, Copaxone® is co-promoted with Sanofi-Aventis in Germany, the U.K., France, Spain, the Netherlands and Belgium and is marketed solely by Sanofi-Aventis in the rest of the European markets, Australia and New Zealand. In the next few years, but mainly as of February 2012, we expect to gradually take over marketing responsibilities for Copaxone® in territories covered under this additional agreement, at which time Sanofi-Aventis will be entitled to pre-agreed residual payments for a period of two years, following a pattern similar to that under the North America agreement described above, but with substantially lower payments.

### ***Azilect®***

Azilect® (rasagiline tablets), indicated for the treatment of Parkinson's disease both as initial monotherapy in the early stage of the disease and as an adjunct to levodopa in moderate to advanced stages of the disease, is our second innovative drug to be marketed.

Azilect® is a potent, second-generation, irreversible monoamine oxidase type B (MAO-B) inhibitor with neuroprotective activities demonstrated in various in vitro and in vivo studies. Its beneficial clinical effect, seen in the entire spectrum of the disease, combined with its once-daily dosing, lack of need for titration and high tolerability, allows Azilect® to address significant unmet needs in the treatment of Parkinson's disease. Although many therapies are available, there is still a high level of dissatisfaction with many of these treatments, both in terms of their efficacy and tolerability. An estimated four million patients are affected by this chronic disease worldwide, which typically occurs at a late age, affecting approximately 1% of the population over the age of 60.

We launched Azilect® in its first market, Israel, in March 2005, followed by a rolling launch in various European countries, including the U.K. and Germany in 2005. Azilect® became available in the U.S. in 2006. To date, Azilect® has been made available in 35 countries, including Canada, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Belgium, Greece, Turkey, the Netherlands and Mexico. Total in market sales of Azilect® worldwide during 2008 amounted to \$175 million.

The development of Azilect® is part of a long-term strategic alliance with Lundbeck, which includes the global co-development and marketing of Azilect®, mainly in Europe, for the treatment of Parkinson's disease. Under our agreement, we jointly market the product with Lundbeck in certain key European countries. Lundbeck exclusively markets Azilect® in the remaining European countries and certain other international markets.

Azilect® has demonstrated efficacy and safety in three pivotal studies that included over 1,500 patients with Parkinson's disease at different stages of the disease. In two Phase III studies with Azilect® as adjunctive therapy to levodopa in more advanced patients, Azilect® demonstrated beneficial effects in the two categories defined as the goals for adjunctive therapy in this disease: symptomatic control of Parkinsonian symptoms and treatment of levodopa-induced motor complications.

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In the TEMPO Phase III study, conducted in North America in early stage patients, Azilect® demonstrated efficacy and safety as monotherapy treatment, showing a highly statistically significant effect on the progression of Parkinsonian symptoms and suggesting a possible effect on disease progression based on the 12-month results of the study. In an open extension of the TEMPO trial, approximately half of the patients who were still in the study after two years (121 out of 266) were adequately maintained on monotherapy with Azilect® (without additional dopaminergic treatment). In this same open extension, the results of six and one-half years follow-up of patients treated with Azilect® show that the benefit of early treatment is maintained over time.

In June 2008, we announced positive results from the Azilect® ADAGIO Phase IIIb study, one of the largest studies ever conducted for Parkinson's disease and the first delayed start, randomized, double-blind placebo-controlled study to prospectively assess the effect of a pharmacological intervention on slowing the clinical progression of the disease in very early untreated Parkinson's patients. Azilect® 1mg met all three end points of the primary analysis, as well as the secondary endpoint all with statistical significance. The study also confirmed the safety and tolerability of Azilect®. The results demonstrate that early treatment with Azilect® 1mg/day slows the progression of Parkinson's disease and indicate that early treatment with Azilect® could modify the course of the disease.

We intend to submit the ADAGIO Phase IIIb study results to the regulatory authorities in the U.S. and Europe during 2009.

In November 2008, we announced the results of a study in which Azilect® demonstrated selective MAO-B inhibition at the approved dose of 1mg. Non-selective MAO inhibitors may have some contra-indications with certain foods and drugs such as tyramine. These limitations are not associated with selective MAO inhibitors and therefore such treatments can be more broadly prescribed. Based on these positive results, we applied to the FDA to modify the Azilect® label to reflect this data.

### ***Intellectual Property and Other Protections***

We rely on a combination of intellectual property protections and exclusivity periods provided under applicable regulations to protect our innovative products. We seek to obtain, where possible, product, process and use patents. We also rely on trade secrets, unpatented proprietary know-how and confidentiality agreements, as well as FDA data exclusivity rules, trademarks and copyright protection. Similar laws and regulations in the European Union provide for six to ten years of data exclusivity. Newer EU legislation provides for a uniform period of European Union data exclusivity for newly registered products for a period of ten years which, under certain circumstances, can be extended to 11 years.

We have Orange Book patents relating to Copaxone® with terms expiring in 2014 in the U.S. and in 2015 in most of the rest of the world. Copaxone® is also protected by data exclusivity protections in certain European countries until 2010. On July 11, 2008, we learned that Sandoz Inc., the U.S. generic drug division of Novartis AG, in conjunction with Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc., filed an ANDA with the FDA for a generic version of Copaxone® (glatiramer acetate) containing Paragraph IV certifications to each of our patents listed in the FDA's Orange Book for the product. On August 28, 2008, we filed a complaint against Sandoz, Inc., Sandoz International GmbH, Novartis AG and Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, alleging infringement of four Orange Book patents, as well as trade secret misappropriation claims. The patents, which expire on May 24, 2014, cover the chemical composition of Copaxone®, pharmaceutical compositions containing it, and methods of using it. The lawsuit has triggered a stay of any FDA approval of the Sandoz ANDA until the earlier of the expiration of a period of 30 months or a district court decision in Sandoz's favor. Sandoz filed its answers to our complaint on November 3, 2008. The answers include declaratory judgment counterclaims of non-infringement, invalidity, and unenforceability of all seven Orange Book listed patents, as well as two process patents. Our response maintaining the validity and enforceability of all of the patents-in-suit was filed on December 8, 2008. On December 11, 2008 Sandoz International GmbH and Novartis AG brought a motion to dismiss Teva's patent claims on personal jurisdiction grounds. Those defendants are also seeking to dismiss Teva's trade secret misappropriation claims alleging that the Court has no jurisdiction over the trade secret claims. In addition, we have filed a citizen's petition with the

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FDA noting that even minor modifications in the composition of glatiramer acetate can lead to potentially significant differences in safety and efficacy. Since it is impossible to fully characterize the active components in Copaxone<sup>®</sup>, we believe that no generic version should be deemed its therapeutic equivalent without a demonstration of sameness. Additionally, our position is that any purported generic version of Copaxone<sup>®</sup> should undergo full clinical testing in humans.

Azilect<sup>®</sup> is protected in the U.S. by several patents that will expire between 2012 and 2016. A request for a patent term extension has been made in connection with one of these patents. In addition, Azilect<sup>®</sup> is entitled to new chemical entity exclusivity for a period of five years from its 2006 approval date. We hold several European patents covering Azilect<sup>®</sup> that will expire between 2011 and 2014. Supplementary Protection Certificates have been granted in a number of European countries with respect to the patent expiring in 2014, thereby extending its term to 2019. Azilect<sup>®</sup> is also protected by data exclusivity protection in EU countries until 2015.

## **Respiratory Products**

We are committed to delivering a range of respiratory products for asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and allergic rhinitis. Our global respiratory product strategy is to extract value from both the branded and generic environments; accordingly, our portfolio includes both branded products that utilize specific proprietary devices and pure generic products.

We recorded worldwide sales of respiratory products of approximately \$778 million in 2008, a significant increase over the prior year. Over 60% of our 2008 global sales were in the U.S., with another 30% in Europe. Not included in these figures is budesonide, a respiratory product whose sales are reported as part of our generic drug sales.

Our principal branded respiratory products in the U.S. include ProAir<sup>®</sup> (albuterol HFA), a short-acting beta-agonist for treatment of bronchial spasms linked to asthma or COPD and exercise-induced bronchospasm, and Qvar<sup>®</sup> (beclomethasone dipropionate HFA), an inhaled corticosteroid for long-term control of chronic bronchial asthma, which is manufactured by 3M. These products are marketed directly to physicians, pharmacies, hospitals, managed healthcare organizations and government agencies.

In January 2008, we entered into a co-promotion agreement for the promotion of ProAir<sup>®</sup> with UCB, a biopharmaceutical company with a U.S. sales force of 391 representatives. Together with our own U.S. respiratory product sales force, 621 salespeople are dedicated to promoting ProAir<sup>®</sup> in the U.S.

In Europe, our principal markets for respiratory products are the U.K., France, the Netherlands and Germany. The main products in these countries include salbutamol, beclomethasone in metered dose inhalers, Qvar<sup>®</sup> and Airomir<sup>®</sup> in metered dose inhalers and in Autohaler<sup>®</sup>, as well as through Qvar<sup>®</sup>, beclomethasone and salbutamol in Easi-Breathe<sup>®</sup>, the Cyclohaler<sup>®</sup> franchise and several products in Steri-Nebs<sup>®</sup>. We believe that there are opportunities to increase sales of Easi-Breathe<sup>®</sup>, Cyclohaler<sup>®</sup> and Steri-Nebs<sup>®</sup> products in this region. In 2008, Qvar<sup>®</sup> was launched in Israel, and launches in additional countries are planned for 2009. In 2008, we entered into a commercial agreement with Chiesi Farmaceutica, establishing our first direct respiratory product operation in Italy.

In the short term, we believe our current portfolio of respiratory products is well positioned to capture opportunities globally. In recent years, we have continued to build upon our experience in the development, manufacture and marketing of inhaled respiratory drugs delivered by metered-dose and dry powder inhalers, primarily for bronchial asthma and COPD. At the core of our efforts to grow our respiratory franchise globally is a continued investment in high quality manufacturing capacity for press and breathe metered-dose inhalers, nasal sprays and Steri-Nebs<sup>®</sup> ampoules for nebulization treatment, allowing us to play an important role in all major markets and to address all of the major areas of therapeutic need.

Over the longer term, we expect to utilize our research and development capabilities, both internal and through alliances, to develop additional products based on our proprietary delivery systems, including Easi-

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Breathe<sup>®</sup>, an advanced breath-activated inhaler (BAI), Spiromax /Airmax , a multi-dose dry powder inhaler, Steri-Nebs , the blow-fill-seal based nebulizers, and Cyclohaler<sup>®</sup>, a single dose dry powder device. This strategy is intended to result in device consistency , allowing physicians to choose which device matches a patient s needs both in terms of ease of use and effectiveness of delivery of the prescribed molecule for the therapeutic need. We are seeking FDA approval for ProAir<sup>™</sup> HFA breath-actuated inhalation aerosol based on Easi-Breathe<sup>®</sup> technology. Our application has been filed, and the FDA s action date is in April 2009.

All of our asthma products (except for beclomethasone in the U.K. and some in-licensed products sold in our International markets) are free of chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) propellants, which are being phased out worldwide under the Montreal Protocol, a 1987 international treaty to eliminate the production and use of ozone-depleting chemicals. As of December 31, 2008, CFC propellants ceased being sold in the U.S. Our inhaler products containing the ozone-friendly propellant hydrofluoroalkane (HFA) have captured approximately 55% of the HFA propellant-based product market in the U.S. We have additional non-CFC products in development.

## **Biopharmaceuticals and Biogenics**

We have identified biopharmaceuticals in particular, biogenics as an important long-term growth opportunity. Unlike chemical (non-biological) compounds, which are produced synthetically, biopharmaceutical production involves the use of live organisms. These drugs, which are used to treat diseases like cancer, arthritis, and rare genetic disorders, represent one of the fastest-growing segments of the global pharmaceutical market and are a major contributor to increasing prescription drug costs. We expect that biopharmaceuticals will make up nearly 30% of the pharmaceutical market by 2015, compared to 15% in 2006, as a result of an anticipated compound annual growth rate of 12% over this period. In light of the high cost of innovative biological therapies, an opportunity exists for safe and reasonably priced biogeneric alternatives.

Our primary biopharmaceutical products are interferon alpha 2b and GCSF (granulocyte colony-stimulating factor), which are being sold in certain markets in Europe, and hGH (human growth hormone), which we sell in the U.S. pursuant to an agreement with Savient. In September 2008, a European market authorization was granted for TevaGrastim<sup>®</sup>, the first GCSF biosimilar to be approved by the EU. TevaGrastim<sup>®</sup> was launched in several EU markets and will be launched in additional EU markets over time.

Our current biopharmaceutical pipeline consists of microbial and mammalian cell culture products, with the most mature compounds in Phase II studies and launch targeted for 2013. The acquisition of CoGenesys, Inc. (now known as Teva Biopharmaceuticals USA) in February 2008 further expanded our biopharmaceutical pipeline and provided access to albumin fusion technology enabling the development of long-acting biological drugs and additional protein-based medicines across broad therapeutic categories.

Our biopharmaceutical R&D facilities, which are located in the U.S., Israel and Lithuania, specialize in different expression systems and technologies. Our bulk protein manufacturing facilities are located in Lithuania and China. Finished dosage biopharmaceutical manufacturing is carried out in our existing sterile manufacturing facilities in Mexico, Israel, Hungary and China.

On January 20, 2009, we signed a definitive agreement with Lonza Group Ltd. to establish a joint venture to develop, manufacture and market a number of affordable, effective and safe biosimilar versions of a selected portfolio of biologic pharmaceuticals. The joint venture is expected to advance our efforts to secure a leading position in the emerging biosimilars market. The agreement is subject to applicable regulatory approvals.

## **Women s Health**

Barr manufactures and markets proprietary pharmaceutical products under the Duramed label in the U.S. and Canada. Barr s proprietary product development activities are focused primarily on its portfolio of women s healthcare products, which includes oral contraceptives, intrauterine contraception, hormone therapy treatments

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for menopause/perimenopause and treatment for endometriosis and labor and delivery. Barr maintains a proprietary product sales force of approximately 340 representatives. Actively promoted products include:

Seasonique® (levonorgestrel/ethinyl estradiol and ethinyl estradiol) extended-cycle oral contraceptive

Plan B OTC/Rx (levonorgestrel) emergency oral contraceptive

Paragard® T 380A (intrauterine copper contraceptive) IUD

Enjuvia (synthetic conjugated estrogens, B) hormone therapy

Mircette® (desogestrel and ethinyl estradiol) oral contraceptive

Niaspan® (niacin ER tablets) for high cholesterol (marketed under agreement with Kos Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Abbott)

Advicor® (niacin ER/lovastatin tablets) for high cholesterol (also marketed under agreement with Kos)

Set forth below are descriptions of certain of the proprietary products listed above:

Seasonique® is our next generation extended-cycle oral contraceptive product. Seasonique® provides continuous hormonal support in the form of a low dose of estrogen in place of the seven placebo pills. Under the Seasonique® extended-cycle regimen, women take active tablets of 0.15 mg levonorgestrel/0.03 mg of ethinyl estradiol for 84 consecutive days, followed by seven days of low-dose estrogen (0.01 mg of ethinyl estradiol).

Plan B is an emergency oral contraceptive that is intended to prevent pregnancy when taken as soon as possible within 72 hours following unprotected intercourse or contraceptive failure. Plan B is available as an OTC product for women 18 years of age and older and by prescription for women 17 and younger.

Paragard® IUD provides women with a long-term, reversible, non-hormonal contraceptive option. It is the only IUD approved for up to 10 years of continuous use and is more than 99% effective at preventing pregnancy.

Enjuvia is approved for the treatment of moderate-to-severe vasomotor symptoms associated with menopause. Enjuvia uses a unique delivery system to provide slow release of estrogens over several hours. In April 2007, Enjuvia became the first and only oral estrogen to be approved by the FDA to treat moderate-to-severe vaginal dryness and pain with intercourse, symptoms of vulvar and vaginal atrophy associated with menopause.

## **Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients**

Our active pharmaceutical ingredients division ( TAPI ) is a leading international supplier of API to generic and innovative drug companies. We have 20 production facilities located in Israel, Hungary, Italy, the U.S., the Czech Republic, India, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Spain, China and Croatia. We offer approximately 290 APIs covering a wide range of products, including respiratory, cardiovascular, anti-cholesterol, central nervous system, dermatological, hormones, anti-inflammatory, oncology, immunosuppressants and muscle relaxants. TAPI sells its products both to our finished dose pharmaceutical businesses, providing us with significant vertical integration benefits, and to third parties worldwide. TAPI offers a high quality, long term, reliable and cost effective source of API.



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We have expertise in a variety of production technologies, including chemical synthesis, semi-synthetic fermentation, high potency, plant extracts, synthetic peptides, vitamin D derivatives and prostaglandins. Our advanced technology and expertise in the field of solid state enable us to meet customer specifications for particle size distribution, bulk density, specific surface area and other characteristics.

Our intellectual property portfolio includes over 4,570 granted patents and pending applications worldwide and serves to differentiate us from competitors. TAPI's stringent standards for freedom to operate opinions, together with our extensive global litigation experience, provide API customers with high confidence levels and decreased time to market.

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Our API facilities meet all applicable current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) and quality standards promulgated by US Pharmacopeia (USP), European Pharmacopoeia (EP), Japanese Pharmacopeia, and other applicable quality standards. Most of the products are produced in dedicated computer-controlled facilities to optimize quality. Our API plants are regularly inspected by the FDA, the EMEA or other authorities as applicable. During 2008, all inspections of our API facilities worldwide found our manufacturing practices at all sites acceptable.

TAPI is expanding its customer base to include branded pharmaceutical companies as well. In addition, TAPI is seeking to meet increasing demand in Asia and South America.

### **Animal Health**

Teva Animal Health, Inc. is the leading manufacturer of generic animal pharmaceuticals and marketer of proprietary dermatological and nutraceutical veterinary products in the U.S. animal health market. Teva Animal Health manufactures a broad portfolio of generic pharmaceuticals, including licensed and non-licensed as well as sterile and non-sterile dosage forms. Teva Animal Health serves all major companion and economic animal segments with both prescription and over-the-counter products. Teva Animal Health provides a high-quality line of dermatological and nutraceutical products under its DVM brand. DVM, which is supported by a dedicated sales force, is the largest and best-recognized brand in dermatologicals and nutraceuticals for companion animals.

Teva Animal Health's headquarters, primary manufacturing, distribution, research and development, sales and marketing facilities, are located in St. Joseph, Missouri. Other manufacturing facilities are also located in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Through its technical services unit, Teva Animal Health also provides services to the veterinary community.

On January 29, 2009, we sold our Israeli animal health business unit to Phibro Animal Health Corporation for total consideration of approximately \$47 million.

### **Innovative Projects**

Our proprietary research and development pipeline focuses primarily on three niche specialty areas: neurological disorders, autoimmune diseases and oncology. In building our pipeline, we focus on products with meaningful differentiation from existing products in terms of clinical attributes, expected commercial value and benefit to patients and health insurers. In addition, we incorporate new technologies, such as biomarkers, early in the development process to reduce the risk at more advanced stages of R&D. Our proprietary pipeline is strengthened by the activities of our Innovative Ventures unit, which focuses on early identification and evaluation of potential proprietary compounds, primarily in the above niche areas, and invests directly in companies with promising products and technologies.

In conducting our research and development, we seek to manage our resources conservatively and to limit our risk exposure. At the drug discovery phase, we utilize our relationships with the Israeli academic community and start-up companies to gain early access to potential projects. Once these projects progress into the more costly clinical study phase, we explore corporate partnering options where needed, through which we can share financial and other risks. In 2008, we began initiating a more active global sourcing process for selected indications within the therapeutic areas of neurology, autoimmune diseases and oncology.

We have innovative projects in various stages of development (both clinical and pre-clinical). While multiple sclerosis remains an important focus of our development efforts, as we continue to investigate potential improvement of Copaxone® and explore other molecules as future therapies for MS, we also have active projects in the areas of Crohn's disease, lupus/lupus nephritis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, oncology and asthma.

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Below is a table listing selected pipeline products in development:

<b>Project / Compound</b>	<b>Potential Indication</b>	<b>Clinical Phase</b>	<b>Project Partner</b>	<b>Formulation</b>
Laquinimod (1)	Multiple sclerosis	III	Active Biotech	Oral
TV-1102	Multiple sclerosis	IIa Completed	Antisense Therapeutics Inc.	Injectable
Talampanel	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)	II	Not applicable	Oral
Pagoclone	Persistent developmental stuttering (PDS)	IIb in 2009	Endo Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Oral
Talampanel	Glioblastoma	II Completed	Not applicable	Oral
Adenovirus vaccines (2)	Respiratory diseases	Phase II/III	U.S. Department of Defense	Injectable

- (1) In June 2004, we acquired from Active Biotech the exclusive rights to develop, register, manufacture and commercialize laquinimod worldwide, except for the Nordic and Baltic countries. We made an upfront payment to Active Biotech and will conduct and fund further clinical development. The agreement also calls for us to make payments to Active Biotech upon the achievement of various sales targets and other milestones, with maximum payments of \$92 million. Active Biotech will also receive tiered double-digit royalties on sales of the product. In February 2009, we received a Fast Track designation from the FDA, which may allow laquinimod to enter the market as soon as late 2011.

Research conducted demonstrated that laquinimod has a broad profile of efficacy in animal models of inflammatory diseases. We initiated the clinical development of laquinimod for Crohn's disease and expect to initiate such studies in lupus nephritis in the near future.

- (2) Pipeline products added as a result of the Barr acquisition: Through the acquisition of Barr we are developing adenovirus vaccines Type 4 and 7 under a \$77.4 million, multi-year contract awarded in September 2001 by the U.S. Department of Defense ( DOD ). These are intended to be dispensed to armed forces personnel to prevent epidemics of an acute respiratory disease that has been a leading cause of hospitalizations of military trainees. Barr completed its Phase II/III clinical program in late 2007 and filed a Biologics License Application ( BLA ) in 2008. Although the current BLA only covers the use of the vaccines in military populations, we have the right to market the product to other populations, such as immunosuppressed patients, and foreign markets where the same needs exist as those of the DOD.

**Teva Innovative Ventures**

The objective of Teva Innovative Ventures is to increase and enhance our innovative pipeline through in-licensing and/or investing in pre-clinical stage products; developing such products through pre-clinical development until the clinical stage and investing in clinical-stage products.

Teva Innovative Ventures sources potential products globally in both academia and start up companies and has invested and continues to invest directly and/or through investment companies, in early stage companies that we believe have interesting technologies or products. In some cases, in tandem with such investments, we will obtain strategic rights in a company or product. Examples of such rights received include an option to buy the entire company under certain circumstances at pre-negotiated prices/terms and/or an option to license a product or create a joint venture with the company on a particular product based on pre-negotiated terms.

Typically, our investment will be directed toward achieving certain milestones based on an agreed budget and development plan created with our assistance. Once a milestone is achieved, we will determine whether to exercise our option. If so, we will become much more actively involved in the company and its development, and the product will enter our pipeline.

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Below is a table listing selected projects in which we have an interest:

Project Name	Potential Indication	Clinical Phase	Project Partner	Total Investment
StemEx <sup>®</sup> (1)	Hematological malignancies	Phase III	Gamida Cell Ltd.	\$25 million
CT-011	Solid tumors and Hematologic malignancies	Phase II during 2009	Curetech Ltd.	\$10.5 million
Debrase <sup>®</sup> (2)	Removal of burn-injured tissue (eschar)	Phase III in Europe	MediWound Ltd.	\$15 million
Diapep-277 (3)	Type I diabetes	Phase III	Andromeda Biotech Ltd.	\$10 million

- (1) In February 2005, we signed a joint venture agreement with Gamida Cell Ltd. to develop and commercialize StemEx<sup>®</sup>, a novel cell therapy product containing expanded cord blood stem/progenitor cells for the treatment of hematological malignancies in patients who cannot find a matched donor. A Phase III pivotal study, which will enroll 100 patients in the U.S., Europe and Israel, was initiated in October 2007 and is scheduled to be completed in 2011.
- (2) Debrase<sup>®</sup> is an innovative botanical product developed by MediWound for the enzymatic removal of burn-injured tissue (eschar). Debrase<sup>®</sup> may present an alternative to surgery and/or lengthy non-surgical procedures which are commonly practiced today. Another benefit of Debrase<sup>®</sup> is its selective activity, which removes only the eschar without harming vital tissue. This minimizes the need for additional skin grafting surgery, while taking advantage of the potential for spontaneous healing of the burn wound. Currently, the product is in a Phase III clinical study in the EU. Upon the successful completion of the Phase III study, a marketing authorization application is expected to be submitted to the EMEA.
- (3) In February 2009, we exercised an option to enter into a license agreement with respect to Diapep-277, which is currently in a Phase III clinical study for Type I diabetes. The agreement is subject to applicable regulatory approvals and other conditions.

**Research and Development**

Our research and development efforts are integral to all of our major businesses. Research and development expenses, which were \$786 million, \$581 million and \$495 million in 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively, increased substantially in 2008, and are expected to further increase in 2009 in accordance with our strategic goal of doubling our 2007 R&D output by 2012.

*The Global Generic R&D Division* is in charge of developing products that are equivalent to innovative pharmaceuticals. Its responsibilities include product formulation, chemical and physical (including shelf-life) testing, stability testing, bioequivalence (absorption and extent), blood level testing, clinical testing, registration and approval of a growing list of generic drugs for all of the markets where we operate. It continues to expand and enhance its capabilities beyond tablets, capsules, liquids, ointments and creams to other dosage delivery systems and dosage types, such as matrix systems, special coating systems for sustained release products, orally disintegrating systems, sterile systems such as vials, syringes and blow-fill-seal systems, drug device combinations and nasal delivery systems for generic drugs. The division operates from twenty development centers located in the U.S., Israel, Canada, India, Mexico, Europe and Latin America, enabling us to take advantage of local expertise and costs as well as a more favorable patent law approach towards generics in some of these countries.

We develop a broad portfolio of generic products, including those that have one or more characteristics that we believe will make it difficult for others to develop competing generic products. The characteristics of the selected generic products we pursue may include one or more of the following:

those with complex formulation or development characteristics;

those requiring specialized manufacturing capabilities;

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those where sourcing the raw material may be difficult; and

those that must overcome unusual regulatory or legal challenges, including patent challenges.

**The Global Innovative R&D Division** operates in Israel, the U.S., Canada, Hungary and several European countries. The division, together with Teva Innovative Ventures, conducts all activities relating to the clinical testing and regulatory approval of our growing portfolio of proprietary products, up to market entry and throughout the life cycle of each molecule. In addition, the division supports our efforts to source, on a global scale, both pre-clinical and early clinical products, specifically in the areas of neurodegeneration/neuroprotection, autoimmunity and oncology, to create and maintain a leadership position for Copaxone® in multiple sclerosis and to establish a franchise in Parkinson's disease through Azilect®.

**The Global API R&D** focuses on the development of processes for the manufacturing of API, including intermediates, chemical and biological (fermentation), which are of interest to the generic drug industry, as well as for our proprietary drugs. Our facilities include a large center in Israel (API processes and peptides), a large center in Hungary (fermentation and semi-synthetic products), a facility in India and additional sites in Italy, Croatia, Mexico and the Czech Republic (development of high potency API). Our substantial investment in R&D generates a steady flow of API products, enabling the timely introduction of pharmaceutical products to market. The API R&D division seeks methods to continuously reduce API production costs, enabling us to remain a supplier of key API products in an environment of price erosion after other competitors cease to be able to produce these products economically and enabling TAPI's customers to remain competitive in the marketplace.

**Biopharmaceutical R&D.** We also have R&D operations in the U.S., Lithuania, China, Mexico and Israel that are specifically dedicated to the development of biopharmaceutical products. This division's expertise covers recombinant protein expression and production, including genetic engineering, recombinant bacterial fermentation, mammalian tissue culture, protein purification and the development of analytical methods and formulations. Through the acquisition of CoGenesys (now known as Teva Biopharmaceuticals USA) in February 2008, we added a world-class biotechnology research team, advanced technological platforms and an innovative pipeline addressing a broad spectrum of therapeutic categories.

## **Competition**

### **Generics**

In the U.S., we are subject to intense competition in the generic drug market from other local and foreign generic drug manufacturers, brand-name pharmaceutical companies (through authorized generics), manufacturers of branded drug products that make efforts to continue to produce those products after patent expirations and manufacturers of therapeutically similar drugs. We believe that our primary competitive advantages are our ability to continually introduce new generic equivalents for brand-name drug products on a timely basis, our emphasis on regulatory compliance and high-volume cost-effective production, our customer service and the breadth of our product line.

A significant proportion of our U.S. generic sales is made to a relatively small number of retail drug chains and drug wholesalers. These customers have undergone and continue to undergo significant consolidation, which has resulted in customers gaining more purchasing power. Consequently, there is heightened competition among generic drug producers for the business in this smaller and more selective customer base. On the other hand, this trend provides a competitive advantage to large suppliers that are capable of providing sufficient quantities of a product, as well as a broad product line, on a national basis while maintaining a high level of customer service.

Price competition from additional generic versions of the same product may result in significant reductions in sales and margins over time. To compete on the basis of price and remain profitable, a generic drug manufacturer must manufacture its products in a cost-efficient manner. In addition, our competitors may develop their products more rapidly or complete the regulatory approval process sooner, and therefore market their products earlier. New drugs and future developments in improved and/or advanced drug delivery technologies or other therapeutic techniques may provide therapeutic or cost advantages to competing products.

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Many brand-name competitors try to prevent, discourage or delay the use of generic equivalents through several tactics, including legislative initiatives (e.g., pediatric exclusivity), changing dosage form or dosing regimen just prior to the expiration of an original patent, regulatory processes, filing new patents, patent extensions, litigation, including citizens' petitions, negative public relations campaigns and, most recently, creating alliances with managed care companies and insurers to reduce prices and economic incentives to purchase generic pharmaceuticals. In addition, the brand-name companies sometimes launch, either through an affiliate or through licensing arrangements with another company, an authorized generic concurrent with the first generic launch, so that the patent challenger no longer has the full exclusivity granted by the Hatch-Waxman Act.

In **Canada**, the competitive landscape continues to intensify with the increasing presence of foreign competitors. Five major generic drug manufacturers, three of which, including our subsidiary Novopharm, are subsidiaries or divisions of global manufacturers, satisfy approximately 80% of the Canadian demand for generic pharmaceuticals.

The customer base for Novopharm continues to change as the number of independent community pharmacies decreases at the expense of chain drug and banner-aligned store groups, which work closely with selected suppliers for specific products. This trend is expected to continue, resulting in increased competition for generic drug manufacturers at the chain and banner buying offices. These larger customers look to generic suppliers to timely launch cost-effective generic products, maintain high levels of product availability and provide increased levels of overall customer value and service.

In **Latin America**, the pharmaceutical market is generally fragmented, with no single company enjoying market dominance. Local generic companies predominate, especially in Brazil, Argentina and Chile. These local companies, as well as multinational branded companies, compete with our local operations in all of the markets. Our strengths in the region include our comprehensive range of products, which cover a wide range of therapeutic categories, strong sales forces and the opportunity to leverage our global product portfolio.

In **Europe**, we compete with other generic companies (several major multinational generic drug companies and various local generic drug companies) and branded drug companies that continue to sell or license branded pharmaceutical products after patent expirations. As in the U.S., the generic market in Europe is very competitive, with the main competitive factors being price, time to market, reputation, customer service and breadth of product line.

As part of its efforts to improve the affordability of medicines for patients and address the challenges of public health systems by increasing generic penetration, the European Commission launched a sector inquiry and published a preliminary report on its inquiry into competition in the pharmaceutical sector. According to the preliminary report, there is evidence that innovator companies have sought to delay or block market entry of generic medicines. The Commission accepted comments on its preliminary finding, and the final report is expected in the spring of 2009.

The **United Kingdom**, where we are the leading pharmaceutical company by volume and have twice the sales of our closest generic competitor, is one of the largest markets for generic pharmaceuticals in Europe. It is also one of the most competitive markets, due to its very low barriers to entry. Significant vertical integration exists between wholesalers and retailers, ensuring low prices as long as there are several suppliers. The number of major players in the U.K. pharmaceutical market has decreased due to consolidation.

**France** has some of the lowest pharmaceutical prices in the region largely due to aggressive pharmacist buying groups and to the French government's efforts to control healthcare costs by imposing significant price decreases.

In the **Netherlands**, there is a developed pure generics market that operates in a manner similar to that of the U.K. As in the U.K., many pharmacies are grouped into chains that are owned by major wholesalers.

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However, due to the new tender system which was introduced in 2008 in the Netherlands, and the subsequent shift of bargaining power from pharmacies to insurers, there was a slow-down in the consolidation of independent retail pharmacies.

In *Spain*, the generic pharmaceutical market is largely represented by local companies. Regulations in seventeen local regions have varying policies regarding generic substitution. We have been able to develop different approaches to accommodate every region which, following the Bentley acquisition, has resulted in our having become the fourth largest generic company.

In *Italy*, there is a relatively low rate of generic penetration with intense competition at the retail level. The market is increasingly categorized by independent pharmacies that have the ability to dispense product from selected companies, which has resulted in increasing competition among generic companies. There is uncertainty in the market as the direction of government policy seems unclear, and may have substantial influence over the growth of the generic market.

In *Hungary*, we compete with local Hungarian manufacturers and also face increasing competition from multinational branded and generic pharmaceutical companies. The Hungarian pharmaceutical market has experienced price erosion in 2008, although at a slower level than in the previous year, affecting both generic and branded companies at least partially due to regulations that prevent reimbursement of products which exceed mandated reference prices by 20%. We are continuing to strengthen our position and presence in Hungary, while creating a more diversified product and service portfolio, including wholesaling services.

In *Germany*, there is a high level of generic penetration and intense competition with a relatively high number of competitors of varying sizes and capabilities including large domestic companies. Price levels for pharmaceuticals in Germany are largely affected by the on-going implementation of a tender system.

In *Poland*, the pharmaceutical industry has experienced significant structural change in recent years. Most of the state-owned companies have been privatized and foreign firms account for a high proportion of sales. The competitive landscape, which is dominated by several very strong local and regional competitors, continues to be challenging, with over 704 manufacturers.

The *Czech Republic* is a branded generic market where we compete with other generic companies (both local and regional generic drug companies) and branded drug companies that continue to sell or license branded pharmaceutical products after patent expirations. New governmental reforms reduced the reimbursement level of low-priced products in favor of high-priced new products, resulting in a shift of demand to newer and more expensive pharmaceuticals.

In *Israel*, our products compete with those of other local manufacturers, as well as with imported products. Generic competition has increased in recent years in Israel, and this trend is expected to continue, with additional pressure on prices coming from the healthcare funds and other institutional buyers. The introduction of private labels into the retail market has increased competition in the total over-the-counter market, a trend that is expected to increase in the future. In addition, regulations that came into effect in May 2005 allow sales of some over-the-counter products for the first time in retail locations, in addition to pharmacies. However, penetration into the retail over-the-counter market is slow.

## **Innovative Products**

*Copaxone*<sup>®</sup> is an immunomodulatory therapy available for the treatment of relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis. Its primary competition is with three formulations of beta-interferons: Avonex<sup>®</sup>, Betaseron<sup>®</sup> and Rebif<sup>®</sup>. A fifth therapy, Tysabri<sup>®</sup>, was reintroduced in the U.S. in June 2006 with a black box label, which includes the most critical information about Tysabri<sup>®</sup>, such as indications and warnings, and with an indication for patients who have had an inadequate response to, or are unable to tolerate, alternate multiple sclerosis therapies. In July 2006, Tysabri<sup>®</sup> was launched in the EU with a restricted indication for patients who have failed

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beta interferons or for highly active patients. During 2008, four new cases of progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (a fatal brain infection) were reported in patients treated with Tysabri as mono-therapy, one of which resulted in death. A change in labeling was implemented in the U.S. and the EU. In addition, the FDA has included Tysabri on a new quarterly list of medicines undergoing early safety probes by U.S. health officials. Tysabri is also being evaluated for reports of skin melanoma. We may also face competition from additional products in development, including orally administered formulations of both cladribine and fingolimod, which are currently in Phase III development.

In July 2008, Sandoz Inc., the U.S. generic drug division of Novartis AG, in conjunction with Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc., filed an ANDA with the FDA for a generic version of Copaxone<sup>®</sup> seeking approval prior to the expiration of our patents. In August 2008, we filed a complaint against Sandoz/Momenta, which triggered a stay of any FDA approval of the ANDA until the earlier of January 2011 or a district court decision (if any) in favor of the ANDA filer.

*Azilect*<sup>®</sup>'s competitors include the newer non-ergot dopamine agonists class, Mirapex<sup>®</sup>/Sifrol<sup>®</sup> (pramipexole) and Requip<sup>®</sup> (ropinirole), which are the leading products in this class, indicated for all stages of Parkinson's disease, as well as the generic versions of such products, which were introduced in certain markets in 2008. Additionally, 2008 saw the first launches, in the U.S. and certain European countries, of Requip<sup>®</sup>'s new once-daily slow-release formulations. An additional competitor in this class is Neupro<sup>®</sup>, a dopamine agonist with a new once-daily patch delivery system. Neupro<sup>®</sup> has experienced problems related to the quality of its product and has been recalled from the market in the U.S. Neupro<sup>®</sup> also experienced supply issues in certain European countries. In the moderate to advanced stage of the disease, in addition to the dopamine agonists, *Azilect*<sup>®</sup> also competes with Comtan<sup>®</sup>, a COM-T inhibitor.

## **API**

In the sale of our active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) products, we compete globally with other specialty chemical producers. Our competitive advantages include quality, cost effective manufacturing costs, exceptional customer service, and our ability to understand the regulatory requirements of each local market. Many of our customers are global in nature and thus would prefer to buy an API from one vendor globally rather than multiple vendors. Additionally, our API division has been and remains a leader in terms of both volume of global sales and breadth of API offerings, making us a one stop shop and allowing us to leverage our relationship on many products with our existing customer base. We believe that our extensive portfolio, service level and compliance record, combined with the creation of intellectual property rights and our financial resources, enhance our position as a leader in the industry. We are focusing additional attention on our API production, as we expect to benefit from the trend of outsourcing manufacturing by many multinational branded companies over the next decade.

## **Regulation**

*United States.* All pharmaceutical manufacturers selling products in the U.S. are subject to extensive regulation by the U.S. federal government, principally by the FDA and the Drug Enforcement Administration, and, to a lesser extent, by state and local governments. The federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the Controlled Substances Act and other federal statutes and regulations govern or influence the development, manufacture, testing, safety, efficacy, labeling, approval, storage, distribution, recordkeeping, advertising, promotion and sale of our products. Our major facilities and products are periodically inspected by the FDA, which has extensive enforcement powers over the activities of pharmaceutical manufacturers. Noncompliance with applicable requirements may result in fines, criminal penalties, civil injunction against shipment of products, recall and seizure of products, total or partial suspension of production, sale or import of products, refusal of the government to enter into supply contracts or to approve new drug applications and criminal prosecution. The FDA also has the authority to deny or revoke approvals of drug active ingredients and dosage forms and the power to halt the operations of non-complying manufacturers. Any failure to comply with applicable FDA policies and regulations could have a material adverse effect on our operations.



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FDA approval is required before any new drug (including generic versions of previously approved drugs) may be marketed, including new strengths, dosage forms and formulations of previously approved drugs. Applications for FDA approval must contain information relating to bioequivalence (for generics), safety, toxicity and efficacy (for new drugs), product formulation, raw material suppliers, stability, manufacturing processes, packaging, labeling and quality control. FDA procedures require that commercial manufacturing equipment be used to produce test batches for FDA approval. The FDA also requires validation of manufacturing processes before a company may market new products. The FDA conducts pre-approval and post-approval reviews and plant inspections to implement these requirements. Generally the generic drug development and the ANDA review process can take three to five years.

The Hatch-Waxman Act established the procedures for obtaining FDA approval for generic forms of brand-name drugs. This Act also provides market exclusivity provisions that can delay the submission and/or the approval of ANDAs. One such provision allows a five-year market exclusivity period for new drug applications ( NDAs ) involving new chemical entities and a three-year market exclusivity period for NDAs (including different dosage forms) containing new clinical trial data essential to the approval of the application. The Orphan Drug Act of 1983 grants seven years of exclusive marketing rights to a specific drug for a specific orphan indication. The term orphan drug refers to a product that treats a rare disease affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans. Market exclusivity provisions are distinct from patent protections and apply equally to patented and non-patented drug products. Another provision of the Hatch-Waxman Act extends certain patents for up to five years as compensation for the reduction of effective life of the patent which resulted from time spent in clinical trials and time spent by the FDA reviewing a drug application. Patent term extension and non-patent market exclusivity may delay the approval of generic drug applications.

Under the Hatch-Waxman Act, a generic applicant must make certain certifications with respect to the patent status of the drug for which it is seeking approval. In the event that such applicant plans to challenge the validity or enforceability of an existing listed patent or asserts that the proposed product does not infringe an existing listed patent, it files a so-called Paragraph IV certification. As originally enacted, the Hatch-Waxman Act provides for a potential 180-day period of generic exclusivity for the first company to submit an ANDA with a Paragraph IV certification. This filing triggers a regulatory process in which the FDA is required to delay the final approval of subsequently filed ANDAs containing Paragraph IV certifications 180 days after the first commercial marketing of the drug by the first applicant. Submission of an ANDA with a Paragraph IV certification can result in protracted and expensive patent litigation. When this occurs, the FDA generally may not approve the ANDA until the earlier of thirty months or a court decision finding the patent invalid, not infringed or unenforceable.

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act (the Medicare Act ) of 2003 modified certain provisions of the Hatch-Waxman Act. Under the Medicare Act, final ANDA approval for a product subject to Paragraph IV patent litigation may be obtained upon the earlier of a favorable district court decision or 30 months from notification to the patent holder of the Paragraph IV filing. Exclusivity rights may be forfeited pursuant to the Medicare Act if the product is not marketed within 75 days of the final court decision and under other specified circumstances. However, some of these changes apply to ANDAs where the first Paragraph IV certification was filed after enactment of the Medicare Act; exclusivity determinations of previously filed ANDAs generally continue to be governed by the previous law.

The Medicare Act further expanded the scope of Medicare coverage for participants by creating what is known as the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit. The Part D prescription drug benefit became available to Medicare beneficiaries on January 1, 2006. Medicare prescription drug coverage under Part D is insurance that covers the Medicare beneficiary's cost (subject to certain statutory purchasing thresholds, co-payments, insurance premiums, and deductibles) of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. Medicare prescription drug coverage under the Part D benefit is available to all Medicare beneficiaries regardless of income and resources or health status. As a result, our products are, as of January 1, 2006, available for government-subsidized purchase by a larger market of Americans participating in government-sponsored third-party payor

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insurance programs. In addition, the structure of reimbursement under Medicare Part D includes a gap or doughnut hole in coverage, after the initial coverage limit is reached and before the catastrophic coverage benefit begins. To date, many benefit plans have utilized generic products to mitigate the impact of this gap.

The Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act, signed into law in 2002, continues the so-called pediatric exclusivity program begun in the FDA Modernization Act of 1997. This pediatric exclusivity program provides a six-month extension both to listed patents and to regulatory exclusivities for all formulations of an active ingredient, if the sponsor performs and submits adequate pediatric studies on any one single dosage form. The effect of this program has been to delay the launch of numerous generic products by an additional six months.

The Generic Drug Enforcement Act of 1992 established penalties for wrongdoing in connection with the development or submission of an ANDA by authorizing the FDA to permanently or temporarily debar such companies or individuals from submitting or assisting in the submission of an ANDA, and to temporarily deny approval and suspend applications to market generic drugs. The FDA may suspend the distribution of all drugs approved or developed in connection with wrongful conduct and also has authority to withdraw approval of an ANDA under certain circumstances. The FDA may also significantly delay the approval of a pending NDA or ANDA under its Fraud, Untrue Statements of Material Facts, Bribery, and Illegal Gratuities Policy. Manufacturers of generic drugs must also comply with the FDA's current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) standards or risk sanctions such as the suspension of manufacturing or the seizure of drug products and the FDA's refusal to approve additional ANDAs.

Products manufactured outside the United States and marketed in the United States are subject to all of the above regulations, as well as to FDA and U.S. customs regulations at the port of entry. Products marketed outside the United States that are manufactured in the United States are additionally subject to various export statutes and regulations, as well as regulation by the country in which the products are to be sold.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services is responsible for enforcing legal requirements governing rebate agreements between the federal government and pharmaceutical manufacturers. Drug manufacturers' agreements with the Center provide that the drug manufacturer will remit to each state Medicaid agency, on a quarterly basis, the following rebates: for generic drugs marketed under ANDAs covered by a state Medicaid program, manufacturers are required to rebate 11% of the average manufacturer price (net of cash discounts and certain other reductions); for products marketed under NDAs, manufacturers are required to rebate the greater of 15.1% of the average manufacturer price (net of cash discounts and certain other reductions) or the difference between such average manufacturer price and the best price during a specified period. An additional rebate for products marketed under NDAs is payable if the average manufacturer price increases at a rate higher than inflation. We have such a rebate agreement in effect with the U.S. federal government. Federal and/or state governments have enacted and are expected to continue to enact measures, such as the Medicare Act, enacted in December 2003, which expanded the scope of Medicare coverage for drugs beginning in January 2006. These measures are aimed at reducing the costs to government third party insurers, such as Medicare and Medicaid, that dispense drugs to the public. We cannot predict the nature of such future measures or their impact on our sales or profitability.

In the United States, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 mandated a new regulation, which became effective in part on October 1, 2007, establishing the method by which pharmaceutical manufacturers, including us, must calculate average manufacturer price. The Act strongly encouraged state Medicaid programs to utilize this average manufacturer price in the future as the benchmark for prescription drug reimbursement in place of the previous, widely used benchmark of average wholesale price. The Act also changed the method used to determine the federal upper limit on payment for generic drugs. Payments to pharmacies for Medicaid-covered outpatient prescription drugs are set by the states. Federal reimbursements to states for the federal share of those payments are subject to this federal ceiling, which, effective January 1, 2007, was 250% of the average manufacturer price for generic drugs. This price limit may have the effect of reducing the reimbursement rates for certain medications that we currently sell. We are reviewing the potential impact of these provisions on our

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business and profitability and have not yet been able to draw conclusions, because the implementation of certain provisions of the final regulations promulgated under the Act has been stayed by litigation. We do not know how long the court-ordered stay will remain in effect or what the final outcome will be.

Various state Medicaid programs have in recent years adopted supplemental drug rebate programs that are intended to provide the individual states with additional manufacturer rebates that cover patient populations that are not otherwise included in the traditional Medicaid drug benefit coverage. These supplemental rebate programs are generally designed to mimic the federal drug rebate program in terms of how the manufacturer rebates are calculated, e.g., as a percentage of average manufacturer price. While some of these supplemental rebate programs are significant in size, they are dwarfed, even in the aggregate, by comparison to our quarterly Medicaid drug rebate obligations.

Our products also include biopharmaceutical products that are comparable to brand-name drugs. Of this portfolio, only one, Tevropin<sup>®</sup>, is sold in the U.S., while others are distributed outside of the U.S. We plan to introduce additional products into the U.S. marketplace, but currently an abbreviated regulatory pathway, such as the Hatch-Waxman Act, does not exist for these products. In 2007, the legislative environment in the U.S. improved, as a Senate committee considered legislation to create a regulatory pathway for biogeneric products, but no final legislation was enacted. We took an active role in the development and introduction of proposed legislation, and believe that a regulatory pathway will be created in the U.S. in the next several years.

**Canada.** The Canadian federal government, under the Food and Drugs Act and the Controlled Drug and Substances Act, regulates the therapeutic products that may be sold in Canada and the applicable level of control. The Therapeutic Products Directorate is the national authority that evaluates and monitors the safety, effectiveness and quality of drugs, medical devices and other therapeutic products.

The issuance of a market authorization, or Notice of Compliance is subject to the Food and Drugs Regulations, which provide, among other things, up to eight and one-half years of data exclusivity on new chemical entities. The regulations prohibit generic companies from filing a generic submission using a new chemical entity as the Canadian reference or comparator product for six years following the receipt by a brand company of a Notice of Compliance for such new chemical entity. The Canadian generic industry trade association has opposed the application of these regulations in the courts and a decision is currently under review.

Issuance of a Notice of Compliance for generic drug products is also subject to the Patented Medicines (Notice of Compliance) Regulations under the Patent Act. The Therapeutic Products Directorate will not issue a Notice of Compliance if there are any patents relevant to the drug product listed in the Patent Register maintained by Health Canada. Generic pharmaceutical manufacturers can either wait for the patents to expire or serve a notice of allegation upon the brand company. If, as is frequently the case, litigation is commenced by the brand company in response to the notice of allegation, a Notice of Compliance will not be issued until the earlier of the expiration of a 24-month stay or resolution of the litigation in the generic company's favor.

Every province in Canada offers a comprehensive public drug program. Provincial governments control expenditures on therapeutic products by establishing interchangeability formularies and benefit lists and by only reimbursing for products that are listed therein. Many provinces are currently reforming their public drug programs and implementing new policies for the reimbursement of generic medications. In 2008, in the province of Ontario, tenders for three products were issued but only one has been awarded. Other provinces are negotiating directly with pharmacy organizations for lower generic prices. Some provinces are requiring listing agreements or fees before they will add the product to their formularies. There is continued pressure on the prices that pharmacies are reimbursed for generic products. In some cases, these changes have caused delays in the listing of generic products. However, many of these governments acknowledge the need to limit extended brand patent monopolies and to speed the approval process for generic drugs.

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**European Union.** The medicines legislation of the European Union requires that medicinal products, including generic versions of previously approved products and new strengths, dosage forms and formulations of previously approved products, shall have a marketing authorization before they are placed on the market in the European Union. Authorizations are granted after the assessment of quality, safety and efficacy by the respective health authorities. In order to obtain an authorization to place a medicinal product on the market, an application must be made to the competent authority of the member state concerned. Besides various formal requirements, the application must contain the results of pharmaceutical (physico-chemical, biological or microbiological) tests, pre-clinical (toxicological and pharmacological) tests and clinical trials. All of these tests must have been conducted in accordance with relevant European regulations and must allow the reviewer to evaluate the quality, safety and efficacy of the medicinal product.

During the course of 2008, we continued to register products in the European Union, using both the mutual recognition procedure (submission of applications in other member states following approval by a so-called reference member state) and the newer decentralized procedure (simultaneous submission of applications to chosen member states). We are also committed to using the centralized procedure to register our generic equivalent version of reference products that originally used this procedure. In February 2008, the European Commission (EC) adopted the opinion of the committee for medicinal products for human use (CHMP) and granted us a Europe-wide marketing authorization for mycophenolate mofetil. In October 2008, the CHMP adopted a positive opinion (subject to ratification by the EC) recommending the granting of a Europe-wide marketing authorization for pramipexole.

Due to historical court interpretations of essential similarity that have now been included in the new legislation, it has become possible to register generic drugs containing different salts of the active ingredient. We continue to invest in registration activities in the majority of countries in the European Union, including Hungary, the U.K., France, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, the Czech Republic and Poland.

In 2005, a legal pathway was established to allow approval of Similar Biological Medicinal Products ( biosimilars ) using abbreviated marketing applications. Appropriate tests for demonstration of safety and efficacy include preclinical or clinical testing or both. The reference product for this testing is the brand-name drug, and the scientific principles of comparability are followed. In 2006, product specific guidelines were issued providing a more detailed interpretation of the data requirements for specific products, and further guidance is being developed by the respective authorities in conjunction with the pharmaceutical industry. In order to control expenditures on pharmaceuticals, most member states of the European Union regulate the pricing of such products and in some cases limit the range of different forms of a drug available for prescription by national health services. These controls can result in considerable price differences among member states.

The duration of certain pharmaceutical patents may be extended in the European Union by up to five years in order to extend effective patent life to fifteen years. Some older French and Italian patents were extended up to eight and eighteen years, respectively. Additionally, exclusivity provisions in the European Union may prevent companies from applying for a generic product for either six or ten years (the period is selected by each country) from the date of the first market authorization of the original product in the European Union. The legislation, applicable to all members of the European Union and effective as of November 2005, changes and harmonizes the exclusivity period for new products submitted after the effective date. The period before a generic application can be made will be eight years (from either six or ten years before) and allows the generic product to be marketed only after ten years from the first marketing authorization of the original product in the European Union, with the possibility of extending the exclusivity by one additional year under certain circumstances. Given that new products submitted after November 2005 will take at a minimum approximately one year to be assessed and approved, the new data exclusivity provisions of 8+2+1 years will affect only generic submissions from around the end of 2014 onwards. The legislation also allows for research and development work during the patent term for the purpose of developing and submitting registration dossiers.

Economic reforms to the Hungarian pharmaceutical industry were introduced in January 2007. The regulations imposed increased financial burdens on pharmaceutical manufacturers and wholesalers, including, for

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example, the obligation of marketing authorization holders to pay a fixed percentage (12%) of the total annual state subsidy (based on turnover) paid for their subsidized pharmaceuticals, as well as a provision stating that the National Health Insurance Fund and the marketing authorization holders are to share any costs which exceed the preliminary subsidy estimate in the National Health Insurance Fund budget.

**Latin America.** The extension of patent protection to pharmaceutical products is a relatively new concept throughout much of Latin America, except Mexico and Brazil. Most local pharmaceutical companies in the region engage in the production of either copied versions of drugs still under patent in their countries of origin, or true off-patent drugs sold under a local brand-name, without bioequivalence testing in either case. Historically, registration has been simple, with no clinical studies required. In Mexico and Brazil, the regulatory requirements have changed dramatically. Bioequivalence studies performed by approved clinical research organizations and, given the climate zone, special stability studies are now required. In Mexico, bioequivalence studies are not only required for all new submissions, but also must be performed by February 2010 for all existing products. We are committed to completing such studies by the deadline. These new regulations could reduce competition from smaller, local companies and may provide an avenue for our Latin American operations to capitalize on products that we sell in other markets.

**Israel.** Israel requires pharmaceutical companies to conform to international developments and standards. To this end and in order to meet the three basic criteria for drug registration (quality, safety and efficacy), regulatory requirements are constantly changing in accordance with scientific advances as well as social and ethical values. Legal requirements prohibit the manufacture, importation and marketing of any medicinal product unless it is duly approved in accordance with these requirements.

As a result of the 1998 amendments to the patent law, the term of certain pharmaceutical patents may be extended under certain conditions for up to five years. In 2005, the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) enacted new legislation, which ensures that the patent term extension in Israel will terminate upon the earliest of the parallel patent term extension expiration dates in the U.S., Europe and several other countries. Also, in 2005, the Knesset ratified legislation which provides for data exclusivity provisions, which may prevent the marketing of a generic product for a period of five and a half years measured from the first registration of the innovative drug product in any one of a number of specified Western countries. Regulations which came into effect in May 2005 allow for sales of some over-the-counter products for the first time in retail locations in addition to pharmacies.

Israeli pricing regulations mandate that the retail prices of pharmaceuticals in Israel may not exceed the average of prices in four European markets (the United Kingdom, Germany, France and Belgium) (the so-called Dutch model). Effective as of January 15, 2007, the model was amended to include three additional EU markets (Spain, Portugal and Hungary, or Poland if the product does not exist in any of the first three additional countries) where prices of pharmaceutical products are notably low, which will consequently reduce the reference prices.

### ***Miscellaneous Regulatory Matters***

We are subject to various national, regional and local laws of general applicability, such as laws regulating working conditions. In addition, we are subject to various national, regional and local environmental protection laws and regulations, including those governing the discharge of material into the environment.

As discussed above, data exclusivity provisions exist in many countries worldwide and may be introduced in additional countries in the future, although their application is not uniform. In general, these exclusivity provisions prevent the approval and/or submission of generic drug applications to the health authorities for a fixed period of time following the first approval of the brand-name product in that country. As these exclusivity provisions operate independently of patent exclusivity, they may prevent the submission of generic drug applications for some products even after the patent protection has expired.

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### **Pharmaceutical Production**

We operate 31 finished dosage pharmaceutical plants in North America, Latin America, Europe and Israel (not including the plants we acquired as part of the Barr acquisition). The plants manufacture solid dosage forms, injectables, liquids, semi-solids and inhalers. During 2008, these plants produced approximately 43 billion tablets and capsules and over 480 million sterile units.

Our two primary manufacturing technologies, solid dosage forms and injectables, are available in North America, Latin America, Europe and Israel. The main manufacturing site for respiratory inhaler products is located in Ireland. The manufacturing sites located in Israel, in Kfar Saba and Jerusalem, represent, in the aggregate, a significant percentage of our production capacity.

Twenty-five of our plants are FDA-approved. Achieving and maintaining quality standards in compliance with the current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) regulations, as established by the FDA and other regulatory agencies worldwide, requires sustained effort and expenditures, and we have spent significant funds and dedicated substantial resources for this purpose. In 2008, fifteen of our plants worldwide were inspected by the FDA. We successfully responded to and corrected any and all points cited by the FDA, and all of those sites were deemed acceptable at the end of their respective inspections.

With the acquisition of Barr, our production capabilities increased significantly, with additional facilities in the U.S., Poland, Croatia and the Czech Republic.

### **Raw Materials for Pharmaceutical Production**

We take a global approach to managing commercial relations with suppliers. Strategic decisions are made on a global basis, while day-to-day operations are run locally. Most packaging materials are purchased locally.

Our API division is the principal raw materials supplier for our pharmaceutical businesses. The remaining raw materials are purchased from suppliers located mainly in Europe, Asia and the U.S. Most of our purchases from third-party suppliers of API are controlled substances. We have implemented a supplier audit program to ensure that our suppliers meet our high standards.

In certain of our products sold in the U.S., we utilize controlled substances and therefore must meet the requirements of the Controlled Substances Act and the related regulations administered by the Drug Enforcement Administration. These regulations include quotas on procurement of controlled substances and stringent requirements for manufacturing controls and security to prevent pilferage of or unauthorized access to the drugs in each stage of the production and distribution process. Quotas for controlled substances may from time to time limit our ability to meet demand for these products in the short run.

### **Environmental**

As part of our overall corporate responsibility, we pride ourselves on our commitment to environmental, health and safety matters in all aspects of our business. As a vertically integrated pharmaceutical company with worldwide operations, we believe that our adherence to applicable laws and regulations, together with proactive management beyond mere compliance, enhances our manufacturing competitive advantage, minimizes business and operational risks and helps us to avoid adverse environmental effects in the communities where we operate. We believe that we are in substantial compliance with all applicable environmental, health and safety requirements.

Among our environmental initiatives in 2008 were (i) implementation of projects aimed at reducing the usage of energy resources; (ii) expansion of our waste recycling projects; (iii) further implementation of ISO 14001, an environmental management standard; and (iv) increased attention to the principles of green construction.

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Our worldwide operations are conducted through a network of subsidiaries primarily located in North America, Europe, Latin America and Israel. We have direct operations in more than 60 countries, as well as 38 finished dosage pharmaceutical manufacturing sites in 17 countries and R&D centers in 18 countries. The following sets forth, as of December 31, 2008, our principal operating subsidiaries in terms of pharmaceutical or API sales to third parties.

*In North America* United States: Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., and Teva Animal Health, Inc.; Canada: Novopharm Limited.

*In Europe* Czech Republic: Teva Pharmaceuticals CR, s.r.o.; Croatia: Pliva Hrvatska d.o.o.; France: Teva Classics S.A.S.; Germany: Teva Deutschland GmbH, AWD Pharma GmbH & Co. KG; Hungary: TEVA Hungary Pharmaceutical Marketing Private Limited Company; Italy: Teva Italia S.r.l.; Ireland: IVAX Pharmaceuticals Ireland (a branch of IVAX International B.V.); The Netherlands: Pharmachemie B.V., Plantex Chemicals B.V.; Poland: Teva Pharmaceuticals Polska sp. z o.o., Pliva Krakow S.A.; United Kingdom: Teva U.K. Limited (formerly known as Approved Prescription Services Limited); Spain: Laboratorios Davur S.L. Russia: PLIVA RUS Ltd., Galena Pharma Limited Liability Company.

*In Israel* Assia Chemical Industries Ltd. and Salomon, Levin and Elstein Ltd.

*In Latin America* Mexico: Lemery S.A. de C.V.; Chile: Laboratorio Chile S.A.; Venezuela: Laboratorios Elmor, S.A.

In addition to the subsidiaries listed above, we have operations in various strategic and important locations, including China, India, Turkey, Japan and other emerging and smaller markets.

**Properties and Facilities**

Listed below are our principal facilities in various regions of the world and their size in square feet as of December 31, 2008, including Barr s principal facilities:

<b>Plant Location</b>	<b>Square Feet (in thousands)</b>	<b>Main Function</b>
<b>Israel</b>		
Jerusalem (3 sites)	554	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, research laboratories and offices
Kfar Saba	363	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, research laboratories and warehousing
Netanya (2 sites)	428	API (chemical) manufacturing, pharmaceutical warehousing, distribution center and offices
Petach Tikva	175	Corporate headquarters
Ramat Hovav	917	API (chemical) manufacturing and R&D

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<b>Plant Location</b>	<b>Square Feet (in thousands)</b>	<b>Main Function</b>
<b>United States</b>		
Cincinnati, OH	305	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, R&D laboratories, packaging and warehousing
Forest, VA	427	Warehousing, manufacturing, packaging and distribution
Guayama, Puerto Rico	170	API (chemical) manufacturing
Irvine, CA (2 sites)	347	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, R&D laboratories and warehousing
Kutztown, PA	211	Warehouse
Mexico, MO	150	API (chemical) manufacturing
Miami, FL (4 sites)	225	Manufacturing, R&D, warehousing and office space
North Wales area, PA (4 sites)	808	Teva USA headquarters, warehousing and distribution center
Pomona, NY	181	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, R&D laboratories and warehousing
Sellersville, PA	206	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, R&D laboratories
St. Joseph, MO and Fort Dodge, IA (8 sites)	522	Offices, distribution, R&D and warehouse
<b>Canada</b>		
Markham, Ontario	122	Pharmaceutical manufacturing and warehousing
Stouffville, Ontario	155	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, R&D laboratories
Toronto, Ontario	351	Canadian headquarters, pharmaceutical packaging, warehousing, distribution and laboratories
<b>Europe</b>		
Zagreb, Croatia (4 sites)	2,128	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, packaging and warehousing
Brno, Czech Republic	453	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, R&D and warehousing
Opava, Czech Republic	1,149	Pharmaceutical and API (chemical) manufacturing, warehousing and distribution
Runcorn, England	151	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, warehousing, office space and R&D laboratories
Eastbourne, England	133	Warehousing and packaging
Glasshoughton, England	257	Warehouse and distribution center
Debrecen, Hungary	1,681	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, API (chemical) manufacturing, R&D laboratories, warehousing
Gödöllő, Hungary	667	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, hospital supplies manufacturing, R&D laboratories, distribution, packaging and warehousing
Waterford, Ireland (3 sites)	450	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, warehousing, packaging
Bulciago, Italy	177	API (chemical) manufacturing
Rho, Villanterio, Setimo Milanese, Italy	165	API (chemical) manufacturing
Santhia, Italy	127	API (chemical) manufacturing, R&D laboratories and warehousing
Vilnius, Lithuania (2 sites)	95	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, R&D laboratories
Haarlem, The Netherlands	235	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, warehousing, packaging, offices and R&D laboratories
Kutno, Poland	285	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, warehousing, packaging
Krakow, Poland	948	Pharmaceutical manufacturing and warehousing
Zaragoza, Spain (2 sites)	136	Pharmaceutical manufacturing and API (chemical)



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<b>Plant Location</b>	<b>Square Feet (in thousands)</b>	<b>Main Function</b>
<b>Asia</b>		
Hangzhou, China	169	API (chemical) manufacturing
Gajraula (U.P.), India	356	API (chemical) manufacturing
<b>Central &amp; Latin America</b>		
Munro, Argentina	154	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, warehousing, R&D laboratories and packaging
Santiago, Chile (2 sites)	550	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, warehousing and R&D laboratories
Mexico City, Mexico (5 sites)	375	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, API, distribution, warehousing and R&D laboratories
Ramos Arizpe, Mexico	97	Pharmaceutical manufacturing
Guacara, Venezuela	234	Pharmaceutical manufacturing, warehousing, packaging and R&D laboratories

We lease certain of our facilities. In Israel, our principal executive offices and corporate headquarters in Petach Tikva are leased until December 2012. In North America, our principal leased properties are the facilities in North Wales, Pennsylvania, the initial term of which expires in 2011, and a new warehouse in New Britain, Pennsylvania, the initial term of which expires in 2013. We own and lease various other facilities worldwide.

**ITEM 4A: UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

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### **ITEM 5: OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW AND PROSPECTS**

#### **Introduction**

We are a global pharmaceutical company that develops, produces and markets generic drugs covering all major treatment categories. We are the leading generic pharmaceutical company in the world, as well as in the U.S., in terms of both total and new prescriptions. We also have a significant and growing branded pharmaceutical business, including Copaxone® for multiple sclerosis and Azilect® for Parkinson's disease, respiratory products and, following our acquisition of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., women's health products. Our API business sells to third-party manufacturers and provides significant vertical integration with our own pharmaceutical production.

The generic pharmaceutical industry as a whole, and therefore our own operations, are affected by demographic trends such as an aging population and a corresponding increase in healthcare costs, governmental budget constraints and spending decisions of healthcare organizations, as well as broad economic trends. In each of our markets around the globe, governments as well as private employers are working to control growing healthcare costs, and there is an increasing recognition of the importance of generics in providing access to affordable pharmaceuticals, although these conditions also enhance pressure on generic pricing. In addition, the generic industry, particularly in the U.S., has been significantly affected by consolidation among managed care providers, large pharmacy chains, wholesaling organizations and other buyer groups. Generic companies also face intense competition from brand-name pharmaceutical companies seeking to counter generic products. We believe that our broad pipeline and balanced business model, combining generic as well as branded generic, innovative and respiratory pharmaceutical products, and API, coupled with our geographic diversity, are key strategic assets in addressing these trends.

On December 23, 2008, we completed the acquisition of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a U.S.-based multinational generic pharmaceutical company with operations mainly in the U.S. and Europe. The Barr acquisition enhances our leadership position in the U.S. and expands our international presence, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe. The acquisition also provides us with growth opportunities in first-to-file generic positions in our core U.S. business and new capabilities in women's healthcare, including a strong proprietary product portfolio.

#### **Highlights**

In 2008, our net sales grew to a record \$11.1 billion, an increase of approximately \$1.7 billion, or 18%, over net sales in 2007. Our sales growth in 2008 can be attributed to strong performance in all of our business units, including higher generic sales in the U.S. and a record number of new product launches in the U.S.

Net income in 2008 was \$635 million, compared to \$1,952 million in 2007. The 2008 figure reflects, among other things, the impact of \$1,806 million in charges, as detailed below.

Among the significant highlights of 2008 were:

Launches in the U.S. of four significant new generic products with exclusivity: the generic versions of Lamictal® (lamotrigine), Wellbutrin XL® (bupropion 150 mg), Risperdal® (risperidone), with abbreviated exclusivity, and Pulmicort® (budesonide), as well as additional sales of the generic version of Protonix® (pantoprazole). These sales were offset in part by the absence of any sales of the generic version of Oxycontin® (oxycodone) for eleven months of 2008, decreased sales of Wellbutrin XL® (bupropion 300mg), which lost exclusivity in 2008, and decreased sales of base products.

Total North American pharmaceutical sales increased by \$977 million, and benefited from increased sales of our branded products, including Copaxone®, ProAir and Azilect®.

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Copaxone<sup>®</sup> reinforced its leadership position in the U.S. and became the leading global MS drug, with sales growing by 32% over 2007, reaching total global in-market sales of \$2.26 billion. Substantial growth in Copaxone<sup>®</sup> sales was also recorded in Europe and Russia.

Our European business, driven by our particularly strong performance in Spain, France, Italy and Hungary, achieved higher sales in comparison to 2007, despite unfavorable market conditions in the U.K. and the Netherlands.

Higher European sales were also the result of 293 new generic product launches in 24 European countries, in comparison to 206 generic product launches throughout Europe in 2007.

Record sales of pharmaceutical products in our International markets, including record sales in Latin America and Russia as well as particularly strong sales in Israel.

Gross profit margins increased from 51.8% in 2007 to 53.8%, due in part to the assumption, in the second quarter, of North American distribution activities of Copaxone<sup>®</sup> (which also resulted in higher SG&A levels of 22.7% of net sales).

Record research and development expenses (\$786 million, an increase of 35% compared to 2007), consisting of increases in generic and biogeneric R&D spending and innovative and respiratory R&D spending, in line with our strategy to increase R&D spending to a run rate between 7.0% and 7.5% of sales and to double our 2007 portfolio output by 2012.

Operating cash flow of \$3,231 million, a 78% increase over 2007.

Taxes of \$185 million, or 22% of pre-tax income, as compared with \$397 million, or 17% of pre-tax income, in 2007.

Appreciations of various currencies against the U.S. dollar had a positive effect on sales (2%) and a negative effect on operating (-\$65 million) and net income.

In 2008, we recorded charges of \$1,806 million (after giving effect to the settlement described below), consisting of the following:

A \$1,402 million write-off of in-process research and development, primarily related to the Barr acquisition and also impacted by the CoGenesys acquisition;

\$375 million in charges relating to other than temporary impairment of financial assets (mainly auction rate securities) and other investments, primarily in venture capital and early stage companies;

\$107 million in charges relating to impairment of intangible assets, including the impairment of products in the U.S. primarily relating to propofol, a product obtained as part of the Sicor acquisition in 2004;

\$17 million in net charges relating to six legal settlements; and

\$5 million in charges relating to an inventory step-up.

We received \$100 million in connection with a settlement agreement with an institution relating to our auction rate securities.

***Acquisitions, Joint Venture and Divestitures***

***CoGenesys, Inc.***

In February 2008, we substantially expanded the capabilities of our biogenerics business by acquiring CoGenesys, Inc. for \$412 million in cash. This acquisition provided us with access to albumin fusion technology enabling the development of long-acting biological drugs and additional protein-based medicines across broad therapeutic categories.

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On July 22, 2008, we completed our acquisition of Bentley Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ( Bentley ), for \$366 million in cash. Bentley manufactures and markets branded and generic products primarily in Spain, but also sells in other parts of Europe. Bentley's results of operations were included in our consolidated statements of income commencing August 1, 2008.

***Barr***

On December 23, 2008, we completed the acquisition of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a U.S.-based multinational generic pharmaceutical company with operations mainly in the United States and Europe, for approximately \$4.6 billion in cash and 69 million ADSs. For accounting purposes, the transaction was valued at \$7.5 billion. Barr's net debt as of the acquisition date was approximately \$1.5 billion. Barr's results of operations will be included in our consolidated statements of income commencing January 1, 2009.

***Kowa***

On September 24, 2008, we entered into a joint venture agreement with Kowa Company, Ltd., a Japanese pharmaceutical company, for the establishment of a leading generic pharmaceutical company in Japan. The newly formed company will seek to leverage the marketing, research and development, manufacturing and distribution capabilities of its partners to become a supplier of high quality generic pharmaceutical products for the Japanese market, the world's second largest pharmaceutical market. Under the joint venture agreement, each company will have a 50% stake in the newly formed company, Teva-Kowa Pharma Co., Ltd., which will become operational in 2009.

***Lonza***

On January 20, 2009, we signed a definitive agreement with Lonza Group Ltd. to establish a joint venture to develop, manufacture and market a number of affordable, effective and safe generic equivalents of a selected portfolio of biologic pharmaceuticals. The joint venture is expected to commence activities during the first quarter of 2009, subject to applicable regulatory approvals. We expect it to advance our efforts to secure a leading position in the emerging biosimilars market.

***Divestitures***

On January 29, 2009, we sold our Israeli animal health business unit to Phibro Animal Health Corporation for total consideration of approximately \$47 million. In addition, during 2008 we sold two small subsidiaries, which we acquired through the Ivax acquisition.

**Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, certain financial data derived from our U.S. GAAP financial statements, presented as percentages of net sales, and the percentage change for each item as compared to the previous year.

	Percentage of Net Sales Year Ended December 31,			Percentage Change Comparison	
	2008 %	2007 %	2006 %	2008-2007 %	2007-2006 %
Net sales	100.0	100.0	100.0	18	12
Gross profit	53.8	51.8	50.7	22	15
Research and development expenses	7.1	6.2	5.9	35	17
Selling, general and administrative expenses	22.7	20.2	18.7	32	21
Acquisition of research and development in-process	12.6		15.4	N/A	N/A
Litigation settlement, restructuring and impairment expenses	1.1		1.2	N/A	N/A
Operating income	10.3	25.4	9.5	(52)	199
Financial expenses net	2.9	0.4	1.1	658	(56)
Income before income taxes	7.4	25.0	8.4	(65)	233
Net income	5.7	20.8	6.5	(67)	258



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Consolidated sales by geographic areas and business segments were as follows:

**Sales by Geographical Areas**

Sales for the Period	2008	2007	2006	% of 2008	% of 2007	Percent Change	
						from 2007	from 2006
	U.S. dollars in millions						
North America	6,413	5,428	5,065	58%	58%	18%	7%
Europe*	2,976	2,645	2,206	27%	28%	13%	20%
International	1,696	1,335	1,137	15%	14%	27%	17%
Total	11,085	9,408	8,408	100%	100%	18%	12%

\* All members of the European Union as well as Switzerland and Norway.

**Sales by Business Segments**

Sales for the Period	2008	2007	2006	% of 2008	% of 2007	Percent Change	
						from 2007	from 2006
	U.S. dollars in millions						
Pharmaceuticals	10,482	8,847	7,821	95%	94%	18%	13%
API*	603	561	587	5%	6%	7%	(4%)
Total	11,085	9,408	8,408	100%	100%	18%	12%

\* Third-party sales only.

**Pharmaceutical Sales****North America**

In 2008, pharmaceutical sales in North America amounted to \$6,139 million, an increase of 19% over 2007. The growth in sales was attributable to:

The launch of four significant new generic products with exclusivity: the generic versions of Lamictal® (lamotrigine), Wellbutrin XL® (bupropion 150 mg), Pulmicort® (budesonide) and Risperdal® (risperidone). These sales were offset in part by the absence of any sales of the generic version of Oxycontin® (oxycodone) for eleven months of 2008, decreased sales of Wellbutrin XL® (bupropion 300mg), which lost exclusivity in 2008, and decreased sales of base products;

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The launch of 24 other new products in the U.S., as described above under Item 4: Information on the Company Pharmaceutical Products Generic Products North America Products;

The continuation of strong sales of Protonix® (pantoprazole), which was initially launched late in the fourth quarter of 2007;

Continued growth in sales of our branded products, including Copaxone®, which increased in market sales by \$549 million in 2008. We benefited from record in-market sales of Copaxone® in the U.S., due to price increases as well as to modest unit growth;

Increased sales of Azilect®, which grew by 19% over 2007; and

Increased sales of ProAir , which grew by 13% over 2007 driven by an acceleration in the CFC to HFA conversion in the fourth quarter.



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In 2008, we dispensed in the U.S. approximately 494 million prescriptions, of which 475 million were generic prescriptions, an increase of 8% as compared to 2007 and 169 million prescriptions ahead of our nearest generic competitor and 186 million prescriptions ahead of any other pharmaceutical company. According to IMS data, in 2008, we had 13% of all prescriptions and 19% of all generic prescriptions in the U.S.

We expect that our revenue stream in North America will continue to be fueled by our strong U.S. generic pipeline, which, as of February 5, 2009, including products in Barr's pipeline, had 201 product registrations awaiting FDA approval (including some products through strategic partnerships), including 46 tentative approvals. The number of ANDAs submitted in 2008 represented both an industry and company record for any twelve-month period. Collectively, the branded versions of these 201 products had U.S. sales in 2008 exceeding \$110 billion. Of these applications, 128 were Paragraph IV applications challenging patents of branded products. We believe we are the first to file with respect to 85 of these products, the branded versions of which had U.S. sales of more than \$53 billion in 2008, and anticipate final approvals for most of these applications within the next three years.

In Canada, as of December 31, 2008, we had 71 product registrations awaiting approval by the Therapeutic Products Directorate of Health Canada. Collectively, the branded versions of these products had Canadian sales in 2008 of approximately U.S. \$3.9 billion.

In 2007, pharmaceutical sales in North America amounted to \$5,162 million, representing an increase of 8% over 2006. The increase in sales was attributable to:

two major generic product launches in the U.S.: the generic versions of Protonix® (pantoprazole) and Lotrel® (amlodipine benazepril);

the launch of 25 new products in the U.S. compared with 17 products launched in 2006;

continued growth in sales of our branded products, including Copaxone®, ProAir and Azilect®; and

continued substantial growth of sales in Canada due to sales of venlafaxine (marketed under exclusivity during part of 2007), 20 new product launches, the most significant of which was olanzapine, the generic version of Zyprexa®, as well as the appreciation of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar.

These factors were partially offset by price erosion in 2007, which affected not only the major products introduced in 2006 under exclusivity but also base generic products.

## **Europe**

Pharmaceutical sales in 2008 in Europe amounted to \$2,782 million, an increase of 13% compared to 2007, with the main contributors to this increase being higher generic sales in Spain, following our acquisition of Bentley in July 2008, France, Italy and Hungary as well as an increase in the sales of Copaxone® and Azilect®. During 2008, most European currencies were revalued against the U.S. dollar (on an annual average compared to annual average basis). The euro appreciated by 7%, the Hungarian forint appreciated by 7% and the pound sterling depreciated by 8%. Accordingly, currency fluctuations relative to the U.S. dollar increased sales by 4%. However, the strength of European currencies against the U.S. dollar experienced in the early part of the year was significantly offset by declines of all of the major European currencies against the U.S. dollar during the fourth quarter of 2008, which trend has continued into early 2009.

Among the most significant products we sold in Europe were generic versions of the following branded products: Casodex® (bicalutamide), Coversyl® (perindopril), Diamocron®, Effexor® (venlafaxine), Famvir® (famciclovir), Gopten® (trandolapril), Lascol®, Nartalix®, Nebilet® (neбиволol), Oncovin® (vincristine), Phamarubicin® (epirubicin), Sandimmun Optoral® (Ciclosporin Pro), Prilosec® (omeprazol), Risperdal® (risperidone), Trevilor® (venlafaxine), Telfast® (fexofenadine), Subutex® (buprenorphine) and Xyzal® (levocetirizine).

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Effective April 1, 2008, the sales, management, administration and all other activities of Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries that are members of the European Union, which were previously recorded under our International region, are recorded under our European region. These countries include Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta. CEE countries that are not EU members will continue to be managed by our International Group. European sales already included sales in Hungary. For comparison purposes, International and European sales for the comparable year have been adjusted as if this change took place on January 1, 2007.

During 2008, we received 1,197 generic approvals in different European countries, corresponding to 142 compounds in 272 formulations, including three EMEA approvals which apply to all EU member states. In addition, as of December 31, 2008, Teva, including Barr, had approximately 4,326 marketing authorization applications pending approval in 30 European countries, relating to 256 compounds in 528 formulations, including 14 pending applications with the EMEA. Over the course of 2008, we continued to register products in Europe, using both the mutual recognition procedure and the newer decentralized procedure established by the European Union in an attempt to simplify and harmonize registration. The decentralized procedure allows simultaneous submission of an application to several member states. Due to historical court interpretations of essential similarity that have now been included in the decentralized procedure, it has become possible to register generic drugs containing different salts of the active ingredient.

Highlights for 2008 in Europe included:

**U.K.:** In the U.K., where we are the largest pharmaceutical company in terms of prescriptions, we recorded a slight decrease in sales in local currency terms due primarily to unfavorable market conditions, including reduced reimbursement by the government, price erosion and lower respiratory product sales as a result of the phase-out of CFC-based inhalers, which was not offset by sales of HFA-based products.

**France:** We continued to experience significant growth in sales in France, outperforming market growth and reaching a market share of approximately 10%. The French pharmaceutical market is characterized by increasing generic penetration, following a governmental reform which sought to eliminate disincentives for pharmacists to dispense generic products. Furthermore, the government imposed significant price decreases for new generic products that had only a minor effect on our sales.

**The Netherlands:** Despite the introduction as of June 1, 2008 of a preferential price policy for generic medicines, under which health insurers will only reimburse the lowest priced of a basket of commonly used drugs, we increased our market share to 34% of the generic market in the Netherlands.

**Hungary:** Despite continuing price decreases, we maintained our market share and slightly increased sales.

**Spain:** As a result of our mid-year acquisition of Bentley, our retail generic market share increased from 1% at the beginning of the year to nearly 10% by the end of the year.

**Italy:** We increased sales in the generic market as a result of new product launches and an agreement with a leading wholesaler, despite fierce price competition and slower than anticipated generic penetration.

**Germany:** Sales in Germany increased in 2008, despite the fact that sales under some AOK tenders awarded to Teva in 2007 were not realized due to ongoing legal challenges.

Certain European governments, which see generics as an opportunity to lower healthcare costs significantly, pursued various reforms in 2008. In the U.K., the government initiated the next stage of its reform of pharmacy remuneration, which resulted in further price reductions of generic products. In the Netherlands, a new preference system was introduced, which gives pharmaceutical companies an incentive to reduce prices by becoming exclusive suppliers to state insurers.



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Pharmaceutical sales in Europe in 2007 amounted to \$2,462 million, an increase of 22% compared to 2006 reflecting growth in nearly all of our markets, with the main contributors to this increase being the retail and respiratory business in the U.K. and the generic business in France, as well as increased sales of Copaxone® and Azilect®.

### **International**

Our International group includes all countries other than the U.S., Canada, EU member states, and other Western European countries. Our pharmaceutical sales in these countries reached an aggregate of \$1,561 million in 2008, an increase of 28% as compared to 2007. Net of currency appreciation, sales grew by 23%. Approximately 44% of our International pharmaceutical sales were generated in Latin America, 30% in Israel, and 26% in Russia and other regional markets.

The principal countries contributing to our Latin American pharmaceutical sales were Venezuela, Peru, Chile, Argentina and Mexico. The principal countries contributing to pharmaceutical sales in other international regions were Israel and Russia. In most of these markets, our products are marketed and sold as branded generics. Sales of branded generic products usually generate higher gross margins but also involve considerably higher marketing expenditures than do non-branded generic products (such as those sold in the United States and certain Western European countries).

In Latin America, sales grew by 22% in comparison with 2007 sales, representing increased sales both in U.S. dollar terms and in local currency terms, especially in Venezuela, Peru and Argentina. In the fourth quarter of 2008, many currencies in the region were devalued against the U.S. dollar. If currency devaluations continue in 2009, such actions will likely have an adverse effect on sales.

Sales in Israel increased mainly due to the increase of revenue from the distribution of third-party products and medical device sales. Sales also benefited positively from the appreciation of the Israeli shekel.

In Russia, our sales nearly doubled, with the increase in sales being the result of a substantial increase in Copaxone® sales, as well as growth in sales of generics.

Pharmaceutical sales in our International group during 2007 amounted to \$1,223 million, an increase of 17% compared to 2006.

### **Global Branded Products**

#### **Innovative Products:**

**Copaxone®.** In 2008, Copaxone® continued to be the leading MS therapy in the U.S., and established itself as the leading global MS drug. Global in-market sales grew by 32% over 2007, reaching \$2.26 billion. Price increases and currency effects accounted for 17% of the increase, and unit growth accounted for the remainder. Substantial growth was also recorded in Europe and Russia.

U.S. in-market Copaxone® sales increased 26% to \$1,378 million, and non-U.S. in-market sales increased 43% to \$884 million compared to 2007. Growth in U.S. sales of Copaxone® was driven by price increases in February and August and to a lesser extent by increases in unit sales, whereas the increase in sales outside the U.S. was driven, among other things, by unit growth and favorable exchange rate effects. Markets outside the U.S. with substantial unit sales growth included France, Spain, Italy, U.K., Russia and Brazil. Our assumption of the distribution activities of Copaxone® in North America resulted in an increase in sales of \$504 million in 2008 compared to 2007. U.S. sales accounted for 61% of global Copaxone® sales in 2008, compared with 64% in 2007.

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In April 2008, we assumed the distribution of Copaxone® in the U.S. and Canada from our partner, Sanofi-Aventis. Under the terms of our distribution agreements with Sanofi-Aventis, Sanofi-Aventis is entitled to receive payment from us of previously agreed-upon termination consideration of 25% of the in-market sales in the U.S. and Canada through March 31, 2010, which we will record as an SG&A expense. Sanofi-Aventis also ceased sharing our Copaxone® sales and marketing expenses in North America that were recorded against SG&A in previous quarters. This change has resulted in increases in our net sales, gross profit and gross profit margin as well as an increase in SG&A expenses, resulting in a minimal negative effect on operating income in 2008.

We have an additional collaborative agreement with Sanofi-Aventis for the marketing of Copaxone® in Europe and other markets. Under the terms of this agreement, Copaxone® is co-promoted with Sanofi-Aventis in Germany, the U.K., France, Spain, the Netherlands and Belgium and is marketed solely by Sanofi-Aventis in the rest of the European markets, Australia and New Zealand. In the next few years, but mainly as of February 2012, we expect to gradually take over marketing responsibilities for Copaxone® in territories covered under this additional agreement, at which time Sanofi-Aventis will be entitled to pre-agreed residual payments for a period of two years, following a pattern similar to that under the North America agreement described above, but with substantially lower payments.

On July 11, 2008, we learned that Sandoz Inc., the U.S. generic drug division of Novartis AG, in conjunction with Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc., filed an ANDA with the FDA for a generic version of Copaxone® (glatiramer acetate) containing Paragraph IV certifications to each of our patents listed in the FDA's Orange Book for the product. On August 28, 2008, we filed a complaint against Sandoz, Inc., Sandoz International GmbH, Novartis AG and Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, alleging infringement of four Orange Book patents, as well as trade secret misappropriation claims. Our lawsuit has triggered a stay of any FDA approval of the Sandoz ANDA until the earlier of the expiration of a period of 30 months or a district court decision in Sandoz's favor. On November 3, 2008, Sandoz, Inc. and Momenta Pharmaceuticals Inc. filed their answers to Teva's complaint. The answers assert several affirmative defenses to Teva's patent infringement claims, including non-infringement, invalidity and enforceability of the asserted Orange Book patents. The answers also seek declaratory judgments of non-infringement, invalidity and unenforceability with respect to three unasserted Orange Book patents and two non-Orange Book patents. Our response maintaining the validity and enforceability of all of the patents-in-suit was filed on December 8, 2008. On December 11, 2008 Sandoz International GmbH and Novartis AG brought a motion to dismiss Teva's patent claims on personal jurisdiction grounds. Those defendants are also seeking to dismiss Teva's trade secret misappropriation claims alleging that the Court has no jurisdiction over the trade secret claims.

To date, Copaxone® has been approved for marketing in 52 countries worldwide, including the U.S., Canada, Israel, all EU countries, Switzerland, Australia, Russia, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina.

In 2007, in-market global sales of Copaxone® amounted to \$1,713 million, an increase of 21% over the previous year. U.S. sales in 2007 accounted for 64% of global sales of Copaxone®. The growth of in-market sales of Copaxone® in the U.S. in 2007 also reflected the impact of two price increases of 10% and 7%.

**Azilect®.** Azilect® (rasagiline tablets), our once-daily treatment for Parkinson's disease, continued to establish itself in the U.S. and Europe. Global in-market sales in 2008 reached \$175 million compared to \$120 million in 2007, an increase of 46%. Azilect® is now available in 35 countries. We are working to prepare the submission of the promising results of the ADAGIO trial, and have already submitted the results of the tyramine study (as described above), to the FDA.

**Respiratory Products.** Our global respiratory product portfolio recorded a 5% increase in sales in 2008, reaching approximately \$778 million. Not included in this figure were our sales in the U.S. of budesonide, which were reported as part of our generic drug sales. U.S. sales were driven by greater sales of ProAir® (albuterol HFA), which maintained its market leadership in the HFA market, and higher sales of Qvā®. In Europe, increased sales in the Netherlands, Germany and France were partially offset by lower sales of CFC inhalers in the U.K. In the U.S., HFA propellant-based Albuterol products will in 2009 constitute about 100% of the propellant inhalers market, and we have captured approximately 55% of that opportunity.

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All of our asthma products sold in Europe (except for beclomethasone in the United Kingdom) and in the U.S. are free of CFC propellants, which are being phased out worldwide under the Montreal Protocol, a 1987 international treaty to eliminate the production and use of ozone-depleting chemicals, and which may not be sold in the U.S. after December 31, 2008. Our current inhaler products contain the ozone-friendly propellant hydrofluoroalkane (HFA) in place of CFC.

In January 2008, we entered into a co-promotion agreement for the promotion of ProAir<sup>®</sup> with UCB, a biopharmaceutical company with a U.S. sales force of 391 representatives. Together with our own U.S. respiratory product sales force, 621 salespeople are dedicated to promoting ProAir<sup>®</sup> in the U.S.

**Biogenics and Biopharmaceuticals.** During 2008, sales of biogeneric pharmaceuticals reached \$63 million, as compared with \$50 million in 2007. Most of these products are sold in markets outside the U.S. and Europe, while human growth hormone is also sold in the U.S. We intend to launch additional biopharmaceutical products in the coming years in the U.S., European and International markets.

Our acquisition of CoGenesys, Inc. in February 2008 further expanded our biopharmaceutical pipeline and provided access to albumin fusion technology enabling the development of long-acting biological drugs and additional protein-based medicines across broad therapeutic categories.

In September 2008, the European Commission's Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry granted us a marketing authorization for our human granulocyte colony stimulating factor (GCSF) product. Our product is the first biosimilar GCSF to receive a marketing authorization in the EU and is currently marketed under the brand name TevaGrastim<sup>®</sup> in Germany and Lithuania, as well as in Russia. The brand product, Neupogen<sup>®</sup> Filgrastim, had sales of approximately \$300 million in the EU in the twelve months ended June 30, 2008, based on IMS sales data.

It is expected that the biopharmaceutical market will make up nearly 30% of the pharmaceutical market by 2015, up from 15% in 2006, reflecting an anticipated compound annual growth rate of 12% for the period, as compared to a compound annual growth rate of 1% for small molecule pharmaceuticals.

In 2007, our sales of biopharmaceuticals reached \$50 million, as compared with \$30 million in 2006.

### **Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) Sales**

Overall sales of active pharmaceutical ingredients in 2008 amounted to \$1,882 million, an increase of \$422 million, or 29%, over 2007. Of this amount, API sales to third parties in 2008 amounted to \$603 million, an increase of 7% compared to 2007. Intercompany API sales during 2008 amounted to \$1,279 million, an increase of 42%, primarily as a result of a larger number of launches of vertically integrated products. The increase in third party sales is due to the growth in sales in Asia and North America.

In general, the substantially higher increase in internal sales in comparison to third party sales reflects a continued shift in opportunities of our pharmaceutical businesses and those of third parties. The high proportion of intercompany sales reflects the strategic importance of vertical integration and is one of the reasons for our high gross margins. The business environment for third party sales remained very competitive in 2008, with the main factors being increased competition from Indian and Chinese API manufacturers and ongoing consolidation of customers and competitors. We believe that our extensive API product portfolio, one of the broadest available in the industry, combined with our outstanding regulatory record and intellectual property rights, make our API division a leader in the industry.

Sales of active pharmaceutical ingredients to third parties in 2007 amounted to \$561 million, a decrease of 4% over 2006. At the same time, intercompany sales of active pharmaceutical ingredients increased 21% and amounted to \$899 million.

### **Other Income Statement Line Items**

#### **Gross Profit**

Gross profit margins reached 53.8% in 2008, compared with 51.8% in 2007 and 50.7% in 2006. The higher margins in 2008 reflect the assumption of the distribution activities of Copaxone<sup>®</sup> in North America, as well as a

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favorable product mix, including the sale of products under exclusivity in the U.S., many of which are vertically integrated, increased sales of branded products and sales in branded markets, partially offset by foreign exchange rate impact.

Because of the Barr acquisition, we have an inventory step-up of approximately \$270 million, on inventory that we expect will be consumed primarily during the first and second quarters of 2009, and our amortization of intangibles is expected to increase to an annual level of \$477 million in 2009. Both of these factors will adversely affect our gross profit margins in 2009. Excluding the impact of both this inventory step-up and the amortization charges, we would expect our gross margins in 2009 to be in the range of 53%-56%.

In 2007, gross profit margins increased to 51.8%, in comparison to margins of 50.7% in 2006.

### **Research and Development (R&D) Expenses**

Net R&D spending for 2008 grew by 35% over 2007 and reached \$786 million. This amount of R&D spending represents an increase from 6.2% of net sales in 2007 to 7.1% in 2008. This higher spending rate is in accordance with our strategic decision to double our 2007 R&D output by 2012. We recorded significant increases in R&D spending in generic R&D activities as well as our biogeneric R&D, including research at Teva Biopharmaceuticals USA (formerly CoGenesys), acquired in March 2008. In addition, R&D spending increased on innovative and respiratory projects. Approximately 60% of our 2008 R&D expenditures were for generic R&D, and the balance was for our innovative products, respiratory products and biogenics.

In 2009, our R&D expenses are expected to be between 7.0-7.5% of net sales.

Research and development expenses increased in 2007 to \$581 million from \$495 million in 2006, an increase of 17%.

### **Research and Development In-Process (IPR&D)**

IPR&D write-offs in 2008 were \$1,402 million and attributable to the acquisitions of Barr, CoGenesys and Bentley. IPR&D write-offs in 2006 were \$1,295 million and attributable primarily to the Ivax acquisition.

### **Selling and Marketing (S&M)**

S&M expenses in 2008 amounted to \$1,842 million, an increase of 46% over 2007. As a percentage of sales, S&M expenses increased to 16.6% for 2008 from 13.4% for 2007. The increase is primarily due to our assumption of the distribution activities of Copaxone<sup>®</sup> in the U.S. and Canada as of April 1, 2008. S&M expenses are expected to increase as a percentage of sales compared to 2008 due to the fact that in 2009 we will have four full quarters of payments to Sanofi-Aventis in the U.S. and in 2008 we had only three. These payments to Sanofi-Aventis with respect to North American distribution activities will end on March 31, 2010. As with gross margins, a portion of the amortization of intangibles that result from the Barr acquisition will increase our S&M expenses in 2009. Excluding the impact of this amortization, we would expect S&M expenses in 2009 to be in the range of 16-18% of sales.

S&M expenses in 2007 amounted to \$1,264 million, an increase of 23% over 2006, and as a percentage of sales, S&M expenses increased to 13.4% for 2007 from 12.2% for 2006.

### **General and Administrative Expenses (G&A)**

G&A expenses in 2008 amounted to \$669 million, an increase of 5% over 2007. As a percentage of sales, G&A expenses decreased to 6.0% for 2008 from 6.8% for 2007. The decrease is primarily due to our expense control initiative. G&A as a percentage of sales for 2009 is expected to be just under 6%.

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G&A expenses in 2007 amounted to \$637 million, an increase of 16% over 2006, and as a percentage of sales, G&A expenses increased to 6.8% for 2007 from 6.5% for 2006.

## **Financial Expenses**

In 2008, financial expenses amounted to \$318 million, compared with expenses of \$42 million during 2007. The increase in financial expenses is primarily attributable to a write-down of \$343 million in the carrying value of our portfolio of auction rate securities as a result of what is considered an other than temporary reduction of the fair market value of these securities, and a write-down of other financial assets. Those write-downs were partially offset by \$100 million received in connection with a settlement agreement with an institution related to our investment in auction rate securities. In addition to these items, financial expenses were impacted by a write off of approximately \$40 million of other financial assets to their fair market value.

In 2009, our interest expenses are expected to increase significantly as the result of the increased borrowing levels and the reduced cash level resulting from the financing of the Barr acquisition. Interest expenses in 2009 are expected to reach a level of \$200-\$250 million.

## **Tax Rate**

The provision for taxes as a percentage of pre-tax income amounted to 22% in 2008, compared with 17% in 2007 and 22% in 2006. The increase in the effective tax rate in 2008 was primarily due to IPR&D charges which are not tax deductible.

The statutory Israeli corporate tax rate was 27% in 2008 compared to 29% in 2007 and 31% in 2006. It is scheduled to further decrease to 26% in 2009 and 25% in 2010 and thereafter. However, these decreases are expected to have a relatively small impact on our provision for taxes, as our effective consolidated tax rates have historically been considerably lower, since a major portion of our income in Israel is derived from approved enterprises (as more fully described in Item 10: Additional Information Israeli Taxation below) which benefit from reduced tax rates which have not been changed, and from certain operations outside of Israel, where we have enjoyed lower tax rates, which represent an increasingly larger portion of our consolidated taxable income.

Most of our investments in Israel were granted approved enterprise status, which confers certain tax benefits. These benefits include a long-term tax exemption for undistributed income generated by such projects, and lower rates of tax on dividends distributed from other projects, the source of which is approved enterprise income, for the periods set forth in the law, as described in Item 10: Additional Information Israeli Taxation.

In the future, the effective tax rate is expected to fluctuate as a result of various factors, including statute of limitations, settlements and the constant changes in the products and geographical mix of our sales, as well as the effect of any mergers and acquisitions. Furthermore, following the acquisition of Barr, we anticipate that our effective tax rate will increase in light of Barr's higher historical tax rate compared to ours.

## **Net Income and Earnings Per Share**

Net income in 2008 was \$635 million. The significantly lower net income in 2008 was mainly due to the Barr and CoGenesys purchase accounting write-offs, including \$992 million and \$382 million, respectively, related to the write-off of IPR&D. Diluted earnings per share reached \$0.78 in 2008, a decrease of 67% compared to the diluted earnings per share in 2007. Net income totaled \$1,952 million in 2007, as compared with \$546 million in 2006 a year in which we also recorded significant IPR&D charges, in that case, as a result of the Ivax acquisition, and diluted earnings per share amounted to \$2.38 and \$0.69 in 2007 and 2006, respectively.



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During early 2007, we spent \$152 million to repurchase approximately 4 million of our shares at an average price of \$34.73 per share, pursuant to an authorization in November 2006 by the board of directors to repurchase up to \$600 million of our securities.

The share count used for the fully diluted calculation for 2008, 2007 and 2006 was 820 million, 830 million and 805 million shares, respectively.

During 2007, the remainder of the \$450 million of 0.375% Convertible Senior Debentures due 2022 (\$63 million) were converted following the conversion of approximately \$182 million of these debentures during 2006.

### ***2009 Known Trends***

In 2009, we expect to record the following major expenses:

An inventory step up related to inventory acquired as part of the Barr acquisition in the amount of approximately \$270 million, divided mostly over the first and second quarter of 2009;

Amortization of intangible assets of approximately \$475 million, a significant portion of which relates to our acquisition of Barr;

Restructuring expenses resulting from the acquisition of Barr and the integration of the Barr operations with the rest of our operations;

R&D expenses in the range of between 7.0% and 7.5% of net sales; and

Interest expenses at a level of \$200-\$250 million, resulting from the increased borrowing levels and the reduced cash level resulting from the financing of the Barr acquisition.

Recent global economic conditions have resulted in considerable volatility in global currency markets, with the U.S. dollar having risen quite dramatically in the fourth quarter of 2008 and early 2009 against major European and other currencies. If exchange rates in effect at the time of this filing prevail during 2009, the dollar value of our sales outside of the United States, in comparison to 2008, will be significantly diminished.

We believe that the number of shares used for our calculation of fully diluted earnings per share in 2009 should be approximately 915 million.

### **Supplemental Non-GAAP Income Data**

The tables below present supplemental data, in U.S. dollar terms, as a percentage of sales and the increase/decrease by item as a percentage of the amount for the comparable period, after excluding the following items, net of a countervailing tax effect of \$67 million related to the exclusion of such items and other taxes, which we believe facilitates an understanding of the trends underlying our business:

In 2008:

\$1,402 million related to a write-off of in-process R&D, which was primarily in connection with the acquisitions of Barr and CoGenesys;

\$375 million in charges relating to other than temporary impairment of financial assets (mainly auction rate securities);

\$107 million in charges relating to impairment of intangible assets;

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\$100 million income in connection with a settlement agreement with an institution related to Teva's auction rate securities;

\$17 million in charges relating to five different legal settlements, partially offset by income received from an additional settlement; and

\$5 million in charges relating to an inventory step-up.

In 2007: Management considers that there were no items appropriate for adjustment in 2007.

The data so presented after these exclusions are the results used by management and our board of directors to evaluate our operational performance, to compare against work plans and budgets, and ultimately to evaluate the performance of management. For example, each year we prepare detailed work plans for the next three succeeding fiscal years. These work plans are used to manage the business and are the plans against which management's performance is measured. All of such plans are prepared on a basis comparable to the presentation below, in that none of the plans takes into account those elements that are factored out in our non-GAAP presentations. In addition, at quarterly meetings of the Board at which management provides financial updates to the Board, presentations are made comparing the current fiscal quarterly results against: (a) the comparable quarter of the prior year, (b) the immediately preceding fiscal quarter and (c) the work plan. Such presentations are based upon the non-GAAP approach reflected in the table below. Moreover, while there are always qualitative factors and elements of judgment involved in the granting of annual cash bonuses, the principal quantitative element in the determination of such bonuses are performance targets tied to the work plan, and thus tied to the same non-GAAP presentation as is set forth below.

In arriving at our non-GAAP presentation, we have in the past factored out items, and would expect in the future to continue to factor out items, that either have a non-recurring impact on the income statement or which, in the judgment of our management, are items that, either as a result of their nature or size, we would not expect to occur as part of our normal business on a regular basis, and that, were they not singled out, could potentially cause investors to extrapolate future performance from an improper base. While not all inclusive, examples of these items include: purchase accounting adjustments related to acquisitions, including adjustments for write-offs of R&D in-process, and inventory step-ups following acquisitions; restructuring charges related to efforts to rationalize and integrate operations on a global basis; material tax and other awards or settlements both in terms of amounts paid or amounts received; impairment charges related to intangible and other assets such as intellectual property, product rights or goodwill; and the income tax effects of the foregoing types of items when they occur.

This data are non-GAAP financial measures and should not be considered replacements for GAAP results. We provide such non-GAAP data because management believes that such data provide useful information to investors. However, investors are cautioned that, unlike financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP, non-GAAP measures may not be comparable with the calculation of similar measures for other companies. These non-GAAP financial measures are presented solely to permit investors to more fully understand how management assesses our performance. The limitations of using these non-GAAP financial measures as performance measures are that they provide a view of our results of operations without including all events during a period, such as the effects of acquisition, merger-related, restructuring and other charges, and may not provide a comparable view of our performance to other companies in the pharmaceutical industry.

**Investors should consider non-GAAP financial measures in addition to, and not as replacements for, or superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.**

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	Year Ended December 31,			Percentage of Net Sales			Percentage Change	
	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007	2006	2008-2007	2007-2006
	U.S. dollars and							
	shares in millions							
	(except per share amounts)			%	%	%	%	%
<b>Supplemental non-GAAP income data:</b>								
Net sales	11,085	9,408	8,408	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	18	12
Gross profit	5,973	4,877	4,354	53.9	51.8	51.8	23	12
Income before income taxes	2,633	2,353	2,192	23.8	25.0	26.1	12	7
Provision for income taxes	252	397	327	2.3	4.2	3.9	(37)	21
Effective tax rate	10%	17%	15%					
Non-GAAP net income	2,374	1,952	1,867	21.4	20.8	22.2	22	5
Fully diluted non-GAAP earnings per share	2.86	2.38	2.30				20	3
Weighted average number of shares	837	830	822					

The below table provides a reconciliation of our U.S. GAAP reported results and these supplemental non-GAAP data:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
	U.S. dollars in millions		
	(except per share amounts)		
Reported net income	\$ 635	\$ 1,952	\$ 546
Purchase accounting adjustments:			
Acquisition of research and development in process	1,402		1,277
Inventory step-up	5		95
Impairment of intangible assets and other assets	107		
Restructuring and impairment expenses			46
Acquisition of research and development in process other			25
Legal settlement	17		50
Settlement with an institution relating to auction rate securities	(100)		
Impairment of financial assets	375		
Release of prior years income tax provisions, tax applicable to the above items and other taxes	(67)		(172)
Non-GAAP net income	\$ 2,374	\$ 1,952	\$ 1,867
Diluted earnings per share:			
Reported (\$)	0.78	2.38	0.69
Non-GAAP(\$)	2.86	2.38	2.30

**Impact of Currency Fluctuations and Inflation**

Because our results are reported in U.S. dollars, changes in the rate of exchange between the U.S. dollar and the local currencies in the markets in which we operate (primarily the euro, pound sterling, Hungarian forint, NIS, Canadian dollar, Russian ruble and Czech koruna) affect our results. During 2008, the movements of the main currencies relevant to us, relative to the U.S. dollar, have been more significant than in previous years. The Hungarian forint, the euro and the NIS revalued against the dollar by 7%, 7% and 13%, respectively, while the pound sterling devalued against the U.S. dollar by 8%. In addition the Canadian dollar was revalued against the U.S. dollar by 1%, the Russian ruble was revalued against the U.S. dollar by 4% and the Czech koruna was revalued against the U.S. dollar by 4% (when average compared to average).

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While the appreciation of non-U.S. currencies contributed approximately 2% to the overall sales during 2008 in comparison with 2007 sales, we also recorded increased expenses due to these currency fluctuations and, as a result overall, changes in the exchange rates had a negative effect on our operating profit and net income.

During the fourth quarter of 2008, there was a directional change in currency movements against the U.S. dollar which continued into 2009. This shift decreased non U.S. dollar sales in the fourth quarter of 2008 and is further impacting sales in 2009.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions in certain circumstances that affect the amounts reported in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and related footnotes. Actual results may differ from these estimates. To facilitate the understanding of our business activities, certain accounting policies that are more important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operations and that require management's subjective judgments are described below. We base our judgments on our experience and on various assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Please refer to Note 1 to our consolidated financial statements included in this annual report for a summary of all of our significant accounting policies.

### **Revenue Recognition and Sales Reserves and Allowances**

**Revenue** is recognized generally when title and risk of loss for the products is transferred to the customer. Provisions for sales reserves and allowances are established concurrently with the recognition of revenue. Accordingly, and in compliance with EITF 01-9, reported net sales is presented net of those deductions. These provisions primarily relate to sales of pharmaceutical products in the North American marketplace, principally the United States. The following briefly describes the nature of each deduction and how provisions are estimated in our financial statements.

Provisions for chargebacks, returns, rebates, other promotional items and price protection provisions are included in Sales reserves and allowances under the heading of current liabilities on our balance sheet included in the accompanying financial statements. Prompt pay discount provisions are netted against Accounts receivable. We adjust these provisions in the event that it appears that the actual amounts may differ from the estimated provisions.

**Chargebacks.** We have arrangements with various third parties, such as managed care organizations and drug store chains, establishing prices for certain of our products. While these arrangements are made between us and the customers, the customers independently select a wholesaler from which they purchase the products. Alternatively, certain wholesalers may enter into agreements with the customers, with our concurrence, that establish the pricing for certain products which the wholesalers provide. Under either arrangement, we will issue a credit (referred to as a chargeback ) to the wholesaler for the difference between the invoice price to the wholesaler and the customer's contract price.

Provisions for chargebacks are the largest component of our revenue recognition process, involving estimates of contract prices across in excess of 1,000 products and multiple contracts with multiple wholesalers. The provision for chargebacks varies in relation to changes in product mix, pricing and the level of inventory at the wholesalers and therefore will not necessarily fluctuate in proportion with an increase or decrease in sales.

Provisions for estimating chargebacks are calculated using historical chargeback experience, or expected chargeback levels for new products. Chargeback provisions are compared to externally obtained distribution channel reports for reasonableness. We regularly monitor the provision for chargebacks and make adjustments when we believe that actual chargebacks may differ from estimated provisions. In addition, we consider current and expected price competition when evaluating the provision for chargebacks.

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**Returns.** Under certain conditions, the customer is able to return its purchases to us. We record a reserve for estimated sales returns in accordance with the provision of FAS 48, Revenue Recognition When Right of Return Exists. The returns provision is estimated by applying a historical return rate to the amounts of revenue estimated to be subject to returns. Revenue subject to returns is estimated based on the lag time from time of sale to date of return. The estimated lag time is developed by analyzing historical experience. Lag times during 2007 and 2008 were estimated at approximately 24 months from the date of sale. Additionally, we consider specific factors such as levels of inventory in the distribution channel, product dating and expiration, size and maturity of launch, entrance of new competitors, changes in formularies or packaging and any changes to customer terms for determining the overall expected levels of returns.

**Shelf Stock Adjustments.** The custom in the pharmaceutical industry is generally to grant customers a shelf stock adjustment based on the customers' existing inventory contemporaneously with decreases in the market price of the related product. The most significant of these relate to products for which an exclusive or semi-exclusive period exists. Provisions for price reductions depend on future events, including price competition, new competitive launches and the level of customer inventories at the time of the price decline. We regularly monitor the competitive factors that influence the pricing of its products and customer inventory levels and adjust these estimates where appropriate.

**Customer Volume Rebates.** Rebates are primarily related to volume incentives and are offered to key customers to promote loyalty. These rebate programs provide that, upon the attainment of pre-established volumes or the attainment of revenue milestones for a specified period, the customer receives a rebate. Since rebates are contractually agreed upon, they are estimated based on the specific terms in each agreement. Externally obtained inventory levels are evaluated in relation to estimates made for rebates payable to indirect customers.

**Medicaid and Other Governmental Rebates.** Pharmaceutical manufacturers whose products are covered by the Medicaid program are required to rebate to each state a percentage of their average manufacturer's price for the products dispensed. Many states have also implemented supplemental rebate programs that obligate manufacturers to pay rebates in excess of those required under federal law. We estimate these rebates based on historical trends of rebates paid as well as on changes in wholesaler inventory levels and increases or decreases in sales.

**Other Promotional Arrangements.** Other promotional or incentive arrangements are periodically offered to customers specifically related to the launch of products or other targeted promotions. Provisions are made or expenses recorded in the period for which the customer earns the incentive in accordance with the contractual terms.

**Prompt Pay Discounts.** Prompt pay discounts are offered to most customers to encourage timely payment. Discounts are estimated at the time of invoice based on historical discounts in relation to sales. Prompt pay discounts are almost always utilized by customers. As a result, the actual discounts do not vary significantly from the estimated amount.

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Sales reserves and allowances for third-party sales of pharmaceutical products to U.S. customers at December 31, 2008 and 2007 were as set forth in the below table. Such sales reserves and allowances to U.S. customers comprised over 90% of our total sales reserves and allowances as of December 31, 2008, with the balance primarily in Canada and the U.K.

	<b>Sales Reserves and Allowances</b>				
	<b>Reserves included in Accounts Receivable, net</b>	<b>Chargebacks</b>	<b>Returns</b>	<b>Rebates &amp; Other Sales Reserves and Allowances</b>	<b>Total</b>
	(U.S. dollars in millions)				
Balance at December 31, 2006	\$ 61	\$ 760	\$ 212	\$ 460	\$ 1,493
Provisions related to sales made in current year period	165	2,431	106	1,075	3,777
Provisions related to sales made in prior periods	9	30	8	2	49
Credits and payments	(139)	(2,521)	(104)	(900)	(3,664)
<b>Balance at December 31, 2007</b>	<b>\$ 96</b>	<b>\$ 700</b>	<b>\$ 222</b>	<b>\$ 637</b>	<b>\$ 1,655</b>
Acquisition of Barr	15	106	116	144	381
Provisions related to sales made in current year period	213	3,022	155	1,508	4,898
Provisions related to sales made in prior periods	(4)	20	(10)	(32)	(26)
Credits and payments	(189)	(2,758)	(107)	(1,163)	(4,217)
<b>Balance at December 31, 2008</b>	<b>\$ 131</b>	<b>\$ 1,090</b>	<b>\$ 376</b>	<b>\$ 1,094</b>	<b>\$ 2,691</b>

Rebates & Other Sales Reserves and Allowances include rebates for both customer programs and government, shelf stock adjustments and other promotional programs. Rebates represent the majority of the reserve. Other sales reserves which were not rebates represented 6% of the total reserve balance on both December 31, 2008 and 2007, and 3% and 6% of the total provisions for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Reserves for the year ended December 31, 2008 increased by approximately \$1,036 million. The most significant increase was related to the incorporation of the Barr reserves of approximately \$381 million. The chargeback reserve, excluding the impact of Barr acquisition, increased by approximately \$284 million over the December 31, 2007 reserve. Since chargeback reserves are calculated on a product and customer basis, changes may not appear to be directly reflective of the overall change in net sales due to a change in any one variable. Rebates and other sales reserves, excluding the impact of the Barr acquisition, have increased by approximately \$312 million. The increase is primarily related to the following: approximately \$75 million due to the transition of Copaxone<sup>®</sup> distribution activities, where previously these reserves were recorded by Sanofi-Aventis; approximately \$159 million due to an increase in managed care and Medicaid rebates associated with ProAir HFA<sup>™</sup>; and the remainder due to growth in generic sales and an increase in price protection related to the significant launches with exclusivity. The conversion of CFC to HFA has led to greater utilization of managed care, Medicaid rebates and retail rebates.

Actual inventory on hand with our customers may be higher or lower due to differences between actual and projected demand. We monitor inventory levels to minimize risk of excess quantities. As is customary in the industry, we may provide additional incentives to wholesalers for the purchase of certain inventory items or in relation to wholesale trade shows. Revenue is recognized for sales associated with the incentives and launches, in accordance with the criteria in Staff Accounting Bulletin ( SAB ) 104: primarily whether the product ownership was transferred to the customer and whether provisions for sales deductions, such as chargebacks, returns, rebates, promotional and other incentives and price adjustments, can be reasonably estimated.

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### **Expenses in Connection with Collaboration Agreements**

Expenses incurred in relation to third party cooperation arrangements, including certain litigation settlements, are recorded and generally included in cost of sales where the third party is a supplier of product or related product components. In other cases, payments are generally considered marketing costs and are included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

### **Income Taxes**

The provision for income tax is calculated based on our assumptions as to our entitlement to various benefits under the applicable tax laws in the jurisdictions in which we operate. The entitlement to such benefits depends upon our compliance with the terms and conditions set out in these laws.

FIN 48 requires that tax benefits recognized in the financial statements must be at least more likely than not of being sustained based on technical merits. The amount of benefits recorded for these positions is measured as the largest benefit more likely than not to be sustained. Significant judgment is required in making these determinations.

Deferred taxes are determined utilizing the asset and liability method based on the estimated future tax effects of differences between the financial accounting and tax bases of assets and liabilities under the applicable tax laws. Valuation allowances are provided if, based upon the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Taxes, which would apply in the event of disposal of investments in subsidiaries, have not been taken into account in computing deferred taxes, as it is our intention to hold these investments, rather than realize them.

We intend to permanently reinvest the amounts of tax exempt income derived from our status as an Approved Enterprise in Israel and do not intend to declare dividend distributions from such income. Therefore, no deferred taxes have been provided in respect of such tax exempt income.

Since we do not expect non-Israeli subsidiaries to distribute taxable dividends in the foreseeable future, we do not provide for related taxes.

### **Contingencies**

We are from time to time subject to claims arising in the ordinary course of our business, including patent, product liability and other litigation. In determining whether liabilities should be recorded for pending litigation claims, we assess the allegations made and the likelihood that we will be able to defend against the claim successfully. When we believe that it is probable that we will not prevail in a particular matter, we estimate the amount of liability based in part on advice of legal counsel.

### **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined as follows: raw and packaging materials and purchased products mainly on a moving average basis; finished products and products in process; raw material and packaging component mainly on a moving average basis; labor and overhead on an average basis over the production period.

Our inventories generally have a limited shelf life and are subject to impairment as they approach their expiration dates. We regularly evaluate the carrying value of our inventories and when, in our opinion, factors indicate that impairment has occurred, we establish a reserve against the inventories carrying value. Our determination that a valuation reserve might be required, in addition to the quantification of such reserve, requires us to utilize significant judgment. Although we make every effort to ensure the accuracy of forecasts of future product demand, any significant unanticipated decreases in demand could have a material impact on the carrying value of our inventories and reported operating results. To date, inventory adjustments have not been material.



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### **Valuation of Intangible Assets, Marketable Securities and Long-Lived Assets**

#### ***Intangible assets***

Goodwill reflects the excess of the purchase price of subsidiaries acquired over the fair value of net assets acquired. Pursuant to FAS 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, goodwill is not amortized but rather is tested annually for impairment.

Intangible assets consist mainly of marketing and other rights relating to products in respect of which an approval for marketing was provided by the FDA or an equivalent agency. Intangible assets are amortized mainly using the straight-line method over their estimated period of useful life. In conjunction with acquisitions of businesses or product rights, we allocate the purchase price based upon the relative fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. In certain circumstances, fair value may be assigned to purchased in-process technology and expensed immediately.

We regularly assess whether indefinite life intangibles and goodwill have been impaired and will adjust the carrying values of these assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that some or all of the carrying value of the assets may not be recoverable. Our judgments regarding the existence of impairment indicators are based on legal factors, market conditions and operating performances of our businesses and products. Future events could cause us to conclude that impairment indicators exist and that the carrying values of our intangible assets or goodwill are impaired. Any resulting impairment loss could have a material adverse impact on our financial position and results of operations. No impairment losses relating to goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets have been recorded to date.

We evaluate the recoverability and measure the possible impairment of goodwill under FAS 142. The impairment test is a two-step process that begins with the estimation of the fair value of the reporting unit. The first step screens for potential impairment, and the second step measures the amount of the impairment, if any. Our estimate of fair value considers publicly available information regarding the market capitalization of the company, as well as (1) publicly available information regarding comparable publicly traded companies in the pharmaceutical industry, (2) the financial projections and future prospects of our business, including its growth opportunities and likely operational improvements, and (3) comparable sales prices, if available. As part of the first step to assess potential impairment, we compare, on an operating unit level, our estimate of fair value for such operating unit to the book value of the operating unit. If the book value of any of the operating units is greater than the estimate of its fair value, we would then proceed to the second step to measure the impairment, if any. The second step measures the amount of impairment by comparing the implied fair value of goodwill with its carrying value. Such implied fair value is determined by allocating the fair value of the operating unit to all of the assets and liabilities of that unit as if the operating unit had been acquired in a business combination and the fair value of the reporting unit was the purchase price paid to acquire the operating unit. The excess of the fair value of the operating unit over the amounts assigned to its assets and liabilities is the implied fair value of goodwill. If the carrying amount of the operating unit's goodwill is greater than its implied fair value, an impairment loss will be recognized in the amount of the excess.

We have selected December 31 as the date on which to perform our annual impairment test for goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets.

#### ***Marketable securities***

Marketable securities consist mainly of debt securities classified as available-for-sale and are recorded at fair value. The fair value of such securities is based on current market value. When securities do not have an active market, as in the case of auction rate securities since mid-2007, the fair value is determined using a valuation model. This model is based on reference to other instruments with similar characteristics, or a discounted cash flow analysis, or other pricing models making use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs. Changes in fair value, net of taxes, are reflected in other comprehensive income. Unrealized losses considered to be temporary are reflected in other comprehensive income; unrealized losses that are considered to be other-than-temporary are charged to income as an impairment charge.

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### ***Long-lived assets***

We test long-lived assets, including definite life intangible assets, for impairment in the event an indication of impairment exists. If the sum of expected future cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) of the long-lived assets is less than the carrying amount of such assets, an impairment would be recognized and the assets would be written down to their estimated fair values, based on expected future discounted cash flows.

### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

On November 14, 2007, the FASB agreed to a one-year deferral for the implementation of SFAS No. 157 for non-financial assets and liabilities. The Company is currently assessing the impact of SFAS No. 157 for non-financial assets and liabilities on its consolidated financial statements.

In November 2008, the FASB ratified EITF issue No. 08-07, *Accounting for Defensive Intangible Assets* (EITF 08-7). EITF 08-7 gives guidance for accounting for defensive intangible assets subsequent to their acquisition in accordance with SFAS No. 141R and SFAS No. 157, including the estimated useful life that should be assigned to such assets. EITF 08-7 is effective for intangible assets acquired on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The Company is currently assessing the impact of EITF 08-7 on its consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In December 2008, the FASB issued FSP 132(R)-1, *Employers' Disclosures about Postretirement Benefit Plan Assets* (FSP 132(R)-1). FSP 132(R)-1 provides guidance on an employer's disclosures about plan assets of a defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan. FSP 132(R)-1 is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2009. The adoption of this pronouncement will not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In May 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position No. APB 14-1, *Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement)* (the FSP), which clarifies the accounting for convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash (including partial cash settlement) upon conversion. The FSP requires issuers to account separately for the liability and equity components of certain convertible debt instruments in a manner that reflects the issuer's nonconvertible debt (unsecured debt) borrowing rate when interest cost is recognized. The FSP requires bifurcation of a component of the debt, classification of that component in equity and the accretion of the resulting discount on the debt to be recognized as part of interest expense in our consolidated statement of operations. The FSP requires retroactive application to the terms of instruments as they existed for all periods presented. The FSP is effective for us as of January 1, 2009, and early adoption is not permitted. The adoption of this FSP will primarily affect the accounting for the Company's 0.25% Senior Convertible Debentures due 2026 and 1.75% Senior Convertible Debentures due 2026 and will result in increased interest expense of approximately \$28 million in 2009, and a negligible effect on diluted earnings per share. The retroactive application of this FSP to years 2006 through 2008 will result in increased annual interest expense of approximately \$47 million, \$54 million and \$30 million in 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP 142-3, *Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets* (FSP 142-3). FSP 142-3 amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions on legal and contractual provisions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. FSP 142-3 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company is currently assessing the impact of FSP 142-3 on its consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* (SFAS No. 161), as an amendment to SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*. SFAS No. 161 requires that objectives for using derivative instruments be disclosed in terms of underlying risk and accounting designation. The fair value of derivative instruments and their gains and

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losses will need to be presented in tabular format in order to present a more complete picture of the effects of using derivative instruments. SFAS No. 161 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this pronouncement.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), *Business Combinations* ( FAS 141R ). FAS 141R provides revised guidance on how acquirers recognize and measure the consideration, identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed, contingencies, non-controlling interests and goodwill acquired in a business combination, and expands disclosure requirements surrounding the nature and financial effects of business combinations. Key changes include: acquired in-process research and development will no longer be expensed on acquisition, but capitalized and assessed for impairment where relevant and amortized over its useful life; acquisition costs will be expensed as incurred; restructuring costs will generally be expensed in periods after the acquisition date; the consideration in shares would be valued at the closing date; and in the event that a deferred tax valuation allowance relating to a business acquisition, including from prior years, is subsequently reduced, the adjustment will be recognized in the statement of income. Early adoption is not permitted. As applicable to Teva, this statement will be effective, on a prospective basis, as of the year beginning January 1, 2009. The Company believes that the initial adoption of FAS 141R will not have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements. However, if the Company consummates business combinations after the adoption of FAS No. 141R this could significantly impact the consolidated financial statements as compared to prior acquisitions which were accounted for under existing GAAP requirements, due to the changes described above.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements* an amendment of Accounting Research Bulletin 51 ( FAS 160 ), which establishes accounting and reporting standards for non-controlling interests in a subsidiary and deconsolidation of a subsidiary. Early adoption is not permitted. As applicable to Teva, this statement will be effective as of the year beginning January 1, 2009. The adoption of FAS 160 will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

On December 31, 2008, our working capital was \$2.9 billion, compared to \$4.5 billion at December 31, 2007. The devaluation of non-U.S. dollar currencies relative to the U.S. dollar in the latter part of 2008 reduced the various working capital items. Overall, the weakened currencies reduced working capital by \$271 million. Cash, cash equivalents and short- and long-term investments decreased by \$1.2 billion, reflecting mainly the acquisition of Barr as well as the decrease of our carrying value for our auction rate securities. Accounts receivables increased by \$1.1 billion, representing mainly the inclusion of Barr. Inventories increased by \$956 million, in large part due to an effort to increase service levels in an effort to improve our ability to meet customer requirements for products that may have otherwise been in short supply and our ability to promptly respond to our customers' special requests, and due to the inclusion of Barr's inventories in our balance sheet. Total current liabilities increased by \$3.1 billion, reflecting a net increase in short-term credit of \$1.1 billion, in connection with the bridge financing of the Barr acquisition and an increase in accounts payable and accruals of \$2 billion.

In December 2008, we drew down an aggregate of \$1.75 billion in bridge loan facilities with Bank Hapoalim B.M. and Bank Leumi USA, which will mature in November 2009. The proceeds of the loans were used toward funding our Barr acquisition. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. is the borrower under the facilities, which we have guaranteed.

In October 2008, Barr amended its unsecured credit facilities with Bank of America to permit them to remain in place following the consummation of our acquisition of Barr. The facilities have outstanding balances of approximately \$1.9 billion that mature on dates from 2011 until 2013, mainly in 2011. An additional revolving credit facility of \$280 million is unutilized. As part of the amendments, effective upon closing, Teva has guaranteed the obligations of the borrowers under the facilities.

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In December 2008, we signed a financing agreement with the European Investment Bank (EIB) under which we received 200 million in January 2009 to invest in our European generic and biogeneric R&D activities amounting to at least 400 million over the next four years.

Shareholders' equity on December 31, 2008 reached \$16.3 billion, up by \$2.6 billion from December 31, 2007. Most of the increase represents the issuance of shares in connection with the Barr acquisition.

As of December 31, 2008, we held auction rate securities with a principal amount of \$450 million, compared with \$655 million held on December 31, 2007. The change resulted primarily from the sale of \$218 million principal amount of such securities. Auction rate securities are long-term securities with maturities ranging from 10 to 40 years and were designed to offer liquidity through an auction, generally every 28 days. The uncertainties in the credit markets have resulted in unsuccessful auctions for the auction rate securities that we hold. Consequently, the interest on these securities was increased as per their terms, and the securities were reclassified as long-term. As auctions for these securities have not been held since mid-2007 and due to a downgrade in rating of certain of these securities, we reassessed their fair market value as of December 31, 2008. Based on a valuation model the fair value of these securities was reduced by approximately \$352 million on an accumulated basis, of which \$343 million is considered other than temporary and thus charged in 2008 to earnings under finance expenses. \$9 million is recorded as a balance sheet item under Other Comprehensive Income. As a result, the value at which we carry our auction rate securities at December 31, 2008 amounted to \$98 million, which represents approximately 5% of our cash and marketable securities.

During 2008, days sales in inventory (which has been calculated excluding the impact of the Barr acquisition), which began the year at approximately 176 days, increased to 206 days at the end of 2008. The primary reason for the increase is higher inventories of finished goods in an effort to improve customer service. The days sales outstanding (DSO) reached 51 days in December 2008 compared with 63 days as of December 31, 2007, primarily due to the pantoprazole sales in late December 2007, which resulted in a significantly higher level of receivables. The DSO calculation is made on a net basis after netting out provisions for sales returns and allowances from account receivables in the amount of \$2.7 billion for December 2008 and \$1.73 billion for December 2007. A net DSO calculation is presented in order to facilitate a more meaningful comparison with similar calculations by our peers. The account payables days decreased from 44 days in 2007 to 43 days in 2008.

Cash generated by operations for 2008 amounted to \$3.23 billion, as compared with \$1.81 billion in 2007, representing mainly the high net income generated during 2008 excluding the write-off of research and development in process and other items as mentioned above. In addition, high sales of products towards the end of 2007 resulted in increased cash generation in the beginning of 2008. Investment in fixed assets in 2008 amounted to \$681 million, an increase of 26%, compared to \$542 million in the previous year. Depreciation in 2008 and 2007 represented 45% and 50% of the total investment in fixed assets, respectively.

Among the more significant capital expenditures during 2008 were further investments in our new pharmaceutical facility in Jerusalem, the expansion of our API facility in southern Israel and our API plants in India and Hungary, and the deployment of modernized information systems, including the continued roll-out of the new enterprise resource planning (ERP) system in Israel and worldwide. In general, these investments are intended to enable us to face future challenges and capture future opportunities.

During 2008, we paid \$388 million in dividends, compared to \$299 million in 2007. During 2007, we spent \$152 million to repurchase approximately 4 million of our shares, as compared with no repurchases in 2008.

We announced a dividend for the fourth quarter of 2008 of NIS 0.60 (14.7 cents as per the rate of exchange on February 16, 2009) per share, representing an increase from NIS 0.45 (12.6 cents), which is the average of the dividends declared for each of the first three quarters of 2008. Actual payment of dividends for the fourth quarter of 2008, which is expected to take place on March 12, 2009, will be made with respect to ADSs on the basis of the USD-NIS exchange rate as of March 9, 2009.

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Cash flow from operations, net of capital investments and dividends paid, amounted to \$2,223 million in 2008, compared to \$1,013 million in 2007. This net increase is mainly due to the increase in cash flow from operations.

In addition to financing obligations as reflected by short-term debt and long-term senior notes and loans, debentures and convertible debentures, our major contractual obligations and commercial commitments include leases, royalty payments and participation in joint ventures associated with research and development activities.

We are committed to pay royalties to owners of know-how, partners in alliances and certain other arrangements and to parties that financed research and development, at rates ranging mainly from 0.5% to 10% of sales of certain products, as defined in the agreements. In some cases, the royalty period is not defined; in other cases, royalties will be paid over various periods not exceeding 20 years, commencing on the date of the first royalty payment.

We have also undertaken to pay royalties to the Government of Israel, at the rates of 2.0% to 5.0% of sales relating to certain products, the development of which was funded by the Office of the Chief Scientist. The royalties due to the Government are linked to the amount of participation, in dollar terms (in respect of research grants commencing in 1999 with the addition of dollar LIBOR interest). At the time the grants were received, successful development of the related projects was not assured. In the case of failure of a project that was partly financed as above, we will not be obligated to pay any such royalties. The maximum amount of the contingent liability in respect to royalties to the Government as of December 31, 2008 amounted to approximately \$12 million.

In connection with certain development, supply and marketing, and research and collaboration or services agreements, we are required to indemnify, in unspecified amounts, the parties to such agreements against third-party claims relating to (1) infringement or violation of intellectual property or other rights of such third party; or (2) damages to users of the related products. As of December 31, 2008, we are not aware of any material pending infringement action that may result in the counterparties to these agreements claiming such indemnification.

Certain of our loan agreements and debentures contain restrictive covenants, mainly the requirement to maintain certain financial ratios. We currently meet all applicable financial ratios.

Our principal sources of short-term liquidity are existing cash and investments in liquid securities, as well as internally generated funds, which we believe are sufficient to meet our operating needs and anticipated capital expenditures over the near term. Our existing cash is generally invested in liquid securities that bear fixed and floating interest rates.

In connection with the acquisition of Barr, we issued approximately 69 million additional shares in December 2008. In addition, we used \$2.6 billion of our existing cash resources, together with a total of \$1.75 billion in proceeds from bridge facilities, to pay the cash portion of the purchase price for the acquisition of Barr. The facilities will mature in November 2009.

## **Trend Information**

Please see Item 5: Operating and Financial Review and Prospects and Item 4. Information on the Company for trend information.

## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We do not have any material off-balance sheet arrangements, as defined in Item 5.E of the instructions to Form 20-F.

**Table of Contents****Aggregate Contractual Obligations**

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations and commitments as of December 31, 2008:

	Total	Payment due by period			More than 5 years
		Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	
			(U.S. dollars in millions)		
Long-term debt obligations, including estimated interest	\$ 8,547	\$ 415	\$ 4,265*	\$ 848**	\$ 3,019***
Operating lease obligations	297	69	114	42	172
Purchase obligations (including purchase orders)	1,250	1,246	4		
Total	\$ 10,094	\$ 1,730	\$ 4,383	\$ 890	\$ 3,091

\* Includes \$619 million of 0.25% Convertible Senior Debentures due 2024, with a first redemption date of February 1, 2010, \$813.5 million of 1.75% Convertible Senior Debentures due 2026, with a first redemption date of February 1, 2011, \$575 million of 0.25% Convertible Senior Debentures due 2026 with a redemption date of February 1, 2011 and \$1,490 million of the debt assumed in connection with the Barr acquisition.

\*\* Includes \$450 million of 0.5% Convertible Senior Debentures due 2024, with a first redemption date of February 1, 2014.

\*\*\* Includes \$487 million of 5.55% Senior Notes due 2016 and \$993 million of 6.15% Senior Notes due 2036.

We adopted FIN 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, as of January 1, 2007. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits for uncertain tax positions was \$631 million at December 31, 2008. Payment of these obligations would result from settlements with taxing authorities. Due to the difficulty in determining the timing of settlements, FIN 48 obligations are not included in the above table. We do not expect a significant tax payment related to these obligations within the next year.

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The following tables set forth information as to the executive officers and directors of Teva as of February 2, 2009:

**Executive Officers**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Officer Since</b>	<b>Position</b>
Shlomo Yanai	56	2007	President and Chief Executive Officer
Isaac Abravanel	54	2007	Corporate Vice President Human Resources
Eyal Desheh	56	2008	Chief Financial Officer
Chaim Hurvitz (1)	48	1995	Group Vice President International
Prof. Itzhak Krinsky	56	2005	Corporate Vice President Business Development
Moshe Manor	53	1995	Group Vice President Global Branded Products
William S. Marth	54	2005	President and Chief Executive Officer Teva North America and President and CEO Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.
Dr. Gerard Van Odiijk	51	2006	Group Vice President Europe and President and CEO Teva Pharmaceuticals Europe B.V.
Eli Shohet	52	1999	Chief Integration Officer
Dr. Ben-Zion Weiner	64	1986	Chief R&D Officer
Aharon Yaari	57	2002	Group Vice President Teva Generic Systems
Ron Grupel	58	1993	Internal Auditor
Uzi Karniel	66	1979	Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary

**Directors**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Director Since</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Eli Hurvitz Chairman (1)(2)	76	1968	2011
Dr. Phillip Frost Vice Chairman	72	2006	2009
Roger Abravanel	63	2007	2009
Ruth Cheshin (2)	72	1989	2011
Abraham E. Cohen	72	1992	2010
Amir Elstein	53	2009	2010
Prof. Meir Heth	76	1977	2009
Prof. Roger Kornberg	61	2007	2010
Prof. Moshe Many	80	1987	2010
Dr. Leora (Rubin) Meridor (3)	61	2002	2011
Joseph Nitzani (3)	61	2008	2011
Dan Propper	67	2007	2010
Dov Shafir	77	1969	2009
David Shamir	48	2004	2009
Ory Slonim	65	2008	2011

(1) Eli Hurvitz is the father of Chaim Hurvitz, Teva's Group Vice President-International.

(2) Ruth Cheshin and Eli Hurvitz are sister and brother-in-law.

- (3) Statutory independent director elected in accordance with the Israeli Companies Law.



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**Executive Officers**

*Shlomo Yanai* has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of Teva since March 2007. Prior to joining Teva, Mr. Yanai was President and Chief Executive Officer of Makhteshim-Agan Industries Ltd. from 2003 until 2006. Before joining Makhteshim-Agan, Mr. Yanai served in the Israel Defense Forces (the IDF) for 32 years, where he achieved the rank of Major General, the highest rank below Chief of Staff, and successively held two of the most senior positions within the IDF: Commanding Officer of the Southern Command and Head of the Division of Strategic Planning. Mr. Yanai was the head of the Israeli security delegation to the peace talks at Camp David, Shepherdstown and Wye River. Mr. Yanai was a board member of Bank Leumi Le-Israel Ltd. from 2004 until 2007 and of Lycord Natural Products Industries (a wholly owned subsidiary of Makhteshim-Agan) from 2003 until 2008. Mr. Yanai is a member of the International Advisory Board of the M.B.A. program of Ben-Gurion University and an honorary member of the Board of the Herzliya Interdisciplinary Center's Institute for Policy and Strategy. Mr. Yanai has received numerous awards, among them the Israel Defense Forces Distinguished Service Medal in 1973, the Max Perlman Award for Excellence in Global Business Management in 2005 and the Dun & Bradstreet Leadership Excellence Award in 2006. Mr. Yanai received a B.A. in political science and economics from Tel Aviv University and an M.P.A. in national resources management from George Washington University, and is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program of the Harvard Business School.

*Isaac Abravanel* joined Teva in September 2007 as Corporate Vice President Human Resources. From 2005 to 2007, he was Deputy CEO of Bezeq Israel Telecommunications Co. Ltd., responsible for operations, the business sector, the private sector, and human resources, and from 2001 to 2005, was the Senior VP of Operations & Customer Service at Pelephone Communications Ltd. From 1998 to 2000, he held the position of Executive Director of Israel's Association of Chambers of Commerce. Mr. Abravanel retired from the IDF in 1998 after serving as head of the Planning Division of the Human Resources Branch of the IDF. Mr. Abravanel holds a B.A. and an M.A. in political science from Haifa University.

*Eyal Desheh* became Chief Financial Officer in July 2008. From 2000 until 2008, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Check Point Software Technologies Ltd. Prior to joining Check Point, Mr. Desheh served as Chief Financial Officer of Scitex Corporation Ltd. Before joining Scitex, he held a number of finance management and business development roles at Teva, including, from 1989 to 1995, the position of Deputy CFO. Mr. Desheh holds a bachelor's degree in Economics and an MBA in Finance, both from the Hebrew University.

*Chaim Hurvitz* has served as Group Vice President International since April 2002. He was President and CEO of Teva Pharmaceuticals Europe from 2001 to 2002 and Vice President Israeli Pharmaceutical Sales from May 1999 until April 2002. He served as President and CEO of Teva Pharmaceuticals Europe, B.V. from 1995 to 1999. From 1993 to 1995, he was the General Manager of Teva's European Office in The Netherlands and from 1991 to 1992, he was the head of the pharmaceutical and OTC departments of Abic Ltd., a Teva subsidiary. He received his B.A. in political science and economics from Tel Aviv University in 1985.

*Prof. Itzhak Krinsky* joined Teva as Corporate Vice President for Business Development in May 2005. Prior to joining Teva, Prof. Krinsky was a managing director with The Silverfern Group, Inc. from January 2003 until February 2005 and until joining Teva, he was a managing director with Trenwith Securities, LLC, both investment banking boutiques in New York City. From July 2001 until December 2002, Prof. Krinsky was a managing director of I. Krinsky, Financial & Investment Consulting in New York City and, from January 1998 until May 2001, a senior strategist with the Investment Banking Research and Strategy Group of Bankers Trust and later a managing director in the Acquisition and Corporate Advisory Group of Deutsche Bank Securities in New York City. Prof. Krinsky's academic career includes a position as Professor of Finance & Business Economics, Michael G. DeGroot School of Business, McMaster University, Ontario, Canada, as well as extensive publications in leading academic journals. He received his B.A. and M.A. in economics from Tel Aviv University in 1976 and 1978, respectively, and his Ph.D. in economics from McMaster University in 1983.

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*Moshe Manor* became Group Vice President Global Branded Products in January 2009 after serving as Group Vice President Global Innovative Resources since January 2006. Mr. Manor was Vice President Global Products Division from 2002 until January 2006. Previously, he was Vice President of Strategic Product Planning from 2000 to 2002 and Vice President Israel Pharmaceutical Sales from 1995 to 2000. He was the General Manager of Teva-labeled products in Israel from 1993 to 1994 and Marketing Director of the Israeli Pharmaceutical Division from 1989 to 1993. He received his B.A. in economics from the Hebrew University in 1982 and his M.B.A. from Tel Aviv University in 1985.

*William S. Marth* has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Teva North America since January 21, 2008 and as President and Chief Executive Officer of Teva USA since January 2005. He was previously Executive Vice President of Teva USA from January 2002 to January 2005. From July 1999 to January 2002, he was Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Teva USA. Prior to joining Teva USA, he held various positions with the Apothecon division of Bristol-Myers Squibb. On February 2008, Mr. Marth was elected Chairman of the Generic Pharmaceutical Association where he is also a member of the executive committee. Mr. Marth received his B.Sc. in pharmacy from the University of Illinois in 1977 and his M.B.A. in 1989 from the Keller Graduate School of Management in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Marth serves on various boards and committees, including the executive committee of the Generic Pharmaceutical Association.

*Dr. Gerard W.M. Van Odiijk* joined Teva as Group Vice President Europe and President and CEO of Teva Pharmaceutical Europe B.V. in January 2006. Over the previous 18 years, he held a variety of senior positions in Europe at Glaxo, GlaxoWellcome and GlaxoSmithKline and served in commercial and general management positions in France, the United Kingdom and The Netherlands. Prior to joining Teva, Dr. Van Odiijk was Senior Vice President and Area Director of GlaxoSmithKline Northern Europe. He received his M.D. from the State University of Utrecht in 1987.

*Eli Shohet* has been with Teva since 1986. Since August 2008, Mr. Shohet has been Chief Integration Officer in connection with the Barr acquisition. He was previously Chief Economist and assistant to Teva's CEO from 1989 to 1993, president of Plantex USA from 1993 to 1996, director of Business Development for Teva's API division from 1996 to 1999, Vice President of Business Development from 1999 until 2006, Vice President of the Central and Eastern Europe Region (CEE) from 2006 until 2008 and Senior Vice President Europe responsible for regional markets during 2008. He received his B.A. in economics from Bar-Ilan University in 1986.

*Dr. Ben-Zion Weiner* has been with Teva since 1975. In January 2006, Dr. Weiner became Chief R&D Officer. Dr. Weiner was Vice President Global Products from April 2002 until January 2006, and Vice President Research and Development from 1986 to 2002. In 1975, Dr. Weiner received a Ph.D. in chemistry from the Hebrew University, where he also received B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees. He conducted his post-doctorate research at Schering-Plough Corporation in the United States. He was granted the Rothschild Prize for Innovation/Export twice, in 1989 for the development of Alpha D3 for dialysis and osteoporosis patients and in 1999 for the development of Copaxone® for multiple sclerosis.

*Aharon Yaari* became Group Vice President Teva Generic Systems in February 2009 after serving as Group Vice President Global API division since January 2006. Previously, he was Vice President Global API Division from 2002 until 2006. Mr. Yaari joined Teva in 1981, and among his various assignments at Teva served as Vice President Marketing and Sales of Teva's API Division from 1999 to 2002 and as President of Plantex USA from 1996 to 1999. He received (cum laude) his B.A. and M.A. in economics from the Hebrew University in 1981 and 1988, respectively.

*Ron Grupel* has been the Internal Auditor of Teva since 1993. He received his B.A. in economics and accounting in 1975 and his M.B.A. in 1979 from Tel Aviv University.

*Uzi Karniel* has served as Chief Legal Officer of Teva since 1971 and as Teva's Corporate Secretary since 1978. He received his LL.B from the Hebrew University in 1969. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Israeli Association of Publicly Traded Companies.

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**Directors**

*Eli Hurvitz* has served as Chairman of the Board of Teva since April 2002. Previously, he served as Teva's President and Chief Executive Officer for over 25 years. He is Chairman of the Board of Pontifax Management (G.P.) Ltd. and Protalix Biotherapeutics Inc. and a director of Vishay Intertechnology Inc. He served as Chairman of the Israel Export Institute from 1974 through 1977 and as the President of the Israel Manufacturers Association from 1981 through 1986. He recently completed a six-year term as the Chairman of the Board of the Israel Democracy Institute. He received his B.A. in economics and business administration from the Hebrew University in 1957. Mr. Hurvitz has been determined by the Board to be a financial and accounting expert under Israeli law.

*Dr. Phillip Frost* has served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Teva since January 2006 and as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of IVAX from 1987 until 2006. He was also President of IVAX from 1991 until 1995. Dr. Frost presently is the Chairman of the Board and CEO of OPKO Health, Inc., a specialty pharmaceutical company, and Chairman of the Board of Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services. Dr. Frost is a director of Northrop Grumman Corporation, Continucare Corporation Inc. and Modigene Inc. Within the past five years, Dr. Frost has also served as a director of Protalix BioTherapeutics, Inc., Castle Brands, Inc. and Cellular Technical Services, as Chairman of IVAX Diagnostics, Inc. and as co-Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the American Stock Exchange. He is a life member, and former Chairman, of the Board of Trustees of the University of Miami, a member of the Board of Trustees of The Scripps Research Institute and a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Frost received a B.A. in French literature from the University of Pennsylvania in 1957 and an M.D. from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1961.

*Roger Abravanel* joined Teva's Board in January 2007, following his retirement from McKinsey & Company in June 2006. Mr. Abravanel joined McKinsey in 1972 and became a principal in 1979 and a Director in 1984. He held many leadership positions in industry practice groups including the specialty chemicals/pharmaceuticals practice. Mr. Abravanel currently serves as an advisor to several public and private Italian institutions, including private equity funds in Israel and Italy, and including the Association of Business Leaders. Mr. Abravanel has been a member of the Supervisory Board of Teva Pharmaceuticals Europe B.V. since June 2006 and serves as a director of Luxottica Group S.p.A., Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, a subsidiary of BNP Paribas, and the Italian Institute of Technology. Mr. Abravanel graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at the Politecnico University in Milan in 1968 and received an M.B.A. from INSEAD in 1972.

*Ruth Cheshin* is the President of the Jerusalem Foundation, a multi-national organization which raises funds around the world for the creation of social, educational, cultural and coexistence projects for all the citizens of Jerusalem. Ms. Cheshin is also an active member of many of the city's most important boards.

*Abraham E. Cohen* was Senior Vice President of Merck & Co. from 1982 to 1992 and served as President of the Merck Sharp & Dohme International Division from 1977 to 1988. Since his retirement in January 1992, Mr. Cohen has been active as an international business consultant. He served as a director of Akzo Nobel NV until 2007. He is presently a director of Chugai Pharmaceutical Co. U.S.A., Neurobiological Technologies, Inc. and Vasomedical, Inc.

*Amir Elstein* rejoined Teva's Board in January 2009. From 2004 to 2008, Mr. Elstein was a member of Teva's senior management, where most recently he held the position of Executive Vice President, Global Pharmaceutical Resources. From 1995 to 2004, Mr. Elstein served on the Company's board of directors. Prior to joining Teva in 2004, Mr. Elstein held a number of executive positions at Intel Corporation, most recently as General Manager of Intel Electronics Ltd., an Israeli subsidiary of Intel Corporation. Mr. Elstein serves as Chairman of the Board of Tower Semiconductor Ltd, as a director of Israel Corporation Ltd. and as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jerusalem College of Engineering. Mr. Elstein also serves as a member of the board in a variety of academic, scientific, educational, social and cultural institutes. Mr. Elstein holds a B.Sc. in Physics and Mathematics from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, an M.Sc. in Solid State Physics from the Department of Applied Physics of the Hebrew University and a diploma of Senior Business Management from the Hebrew University.

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*Prof. Meir Heth* has served on Teva's Board since 1977 and as Chairman of the Board from 1994 to 2002. During his tenure on Teva's Board, Prof. Heth served as Chairman of the Executive Committee for an extended period. Prof. Heth has served as Chairman of the Board of Bank Leumi Le-Israel Ltd. and as Chairman of Bank Leumi Trust Company of New York from 1987 to 1988. From 1978 to 1986, Prof. Heth was Chairman of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Prof. Heth served at The Bank of Israel beginning in 1962 in various positions, including Senior Economist from 1962 to 1968, Supervisor of Banks from 1969 to 1975 and Senior Advisor to the Governor from 1975 to 1977. Prof. Heth was a Professor at the Law School of the College of Management until 2008. He is a director of Nilit Ltd. and is active on the boards of several non-profit organizations. Between 1995 and 2007, he was Chairman of Psagot Ofek Investment House Ltd. Prof. Heth has been designated as the financial expert on Teva's audit committee for the purposes of SEC regulations and was determined by the Board to be a financial and accounting expert under Israeli law. Prof. Heth is also the Chairman of the executive sessions of the Board.

*Prof. Roger D. Kornberg* is the Winzer Professor in Medicine in the Department of Structural Biology at Stanford University, where he has been a professor since 1978. Prior to joining Stanford, he was a professor at Harvard Medical School. Prof. Kornberg received a B.A. degree from Harvard in 1967 and a Ph.D. degree in chemistry from Stanford in 1972. He has received many awards, including the Welch Prize (2001), the highest award in chemistry in the United States, the Leopold Mayer Prize (2002), the highest award in biomedical sciences of the French Academy of Sciences, and the Nobel Prize in Chemistry (2006). He is a recipient of honorary degrees from universities in Europe and Israel, including the Hebrew University, where he is a visiting professor. He is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and an honorary member of other academies and professional societies in the United States, Europe and Japan. Prof. Kornberg has served since 2008 as a director of Protalix BioTherapeutics, Inc. and of Cocrystal Discovery, Inc. (a private company).

*Prof. Moshe Many, M.D., Ph.D.* has served as president of the Ashkelon Academic College since January 2002. He previously was President of the Tisom International School of Management. He is a former President of Tel Aviv University, the former Medical Director of the Ramat Marpeh Hospital and the former Deputy Chairman of Maccabi Healthcare Fund. He has been a Department Head at Tel Hashomer Hospital since 1976. He is currently a director of Rosetta Genomics Ltd. and served as a director of Zim Integrated Shipping Services Ltd. until 2007. Prof. Many received his M.D. degree from Geneva University in 1952 and his Ph.D. in surgery from Tufts University in 1969.

*Dr. Leora (Rubin) Meridor* has been a director of Teva since December 2002. Dr. Meridor is a business and financial consultant. She served as the Chair of the Board of Bezeq International Ltd. and Walla Communications Ltd from 2001 to 2005. She served as Chair of the Board of Hapoalim Capital Markets from 2001 to 2004. From 1996 to 2000, Dr. Meridor was Senior Vice President and Head of the Credit and Risk Management Division of the First International Bank of Israel. Between 1983 and 1996, Dr. Meridor held various positions in the Bank of Israel, the last of which was Head of the Research Department. Dr. Meridor has held various teaching positions with the Hebrew University and holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics, a master's degree in mathematics and a Ph.D. in economics from the Hebrew University. She served as director of NICE Systems Ltd. from 2002 until 2007 and of Isrotel Ltd. from 2001 until 2007. She presently serves on the boards of directors of Alrov (Israel) Ltd., Delta Galil Ltd., Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd., Osem Investment Ltd., Weizmann Institute of Science and Betzalel Academy of Art. Dr. Meridor qualifies as a statutory independent director under Israeli law and was determined by the Board to be a financial and accounting expert under Israeli law.

*Joseph Nitzani* joined Teva's Board in September 2008. He has served as a director of Adanim Mortgage Bank since 2006 and of Hadassah Medical Center since 1996 (and as Chairman since June 2008). Between 2001 and 2007, Mr. Nitzani held various positions at Mizrahi-Tefachot Bank Ltd., including Vice President, Head of Capital Markets, Client Assets and Private Banking Divisions. Mr. Nitzani also served as a director of Tefachot Israeli Mortgage Bank Ltd. from 2003 to 2005. Previously, he served as Managing Director of The Government Companies Authority from 1991 to 1995 and of The Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange from 1983 to 1991. Mr. Nitzani

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received his B.A in Economics from Bar-Ilan University in 1971 and his M.B.A (with distinction) from Tel Aviv University in 1974. Mr. Nitzani qualifies as a statutory independent director under Israeli law and was determined by the Board to be a financial and accounting expert under Israeli law.

*Dan Propper* is the Chairman of the Board of Osem Investments Ltd., a leading Israeli manufacturer of food products. Mr. Propper served as the Chief Executive Officer of Osem for 25 years until April 2006. In addition to his role at Osem, from 1993 until 1999, Mr. Propper served as President of the Manufacturers Association of Israel, an independent umbrella organization representing industrial enterprises in Israel, and as Chairman of the Federation of Economic Organizations in Israel. Mr. Propper has received awards for his contributions to the Israeli industry and economy, including an honorary Doctorate from the Technion Israel Institute of Technology in 1999. Mr. Propper is a director of Check Point Software Technologies Ltd. Mr. Propper is also a member of the board of trustees of the Technion, Ben-Gurion University, Weizmann Institute of Science and Tel Aviv University. Mr. Propper earned a B.S. summa cum laude in Chemical Engineering and Food Technology from the Technion.

*Dov Shafir* has been a director of Teva since 1969. He served in the Israeli Navy for 27 years, retiring in 1975 with the rank of Captain. He served as chairman of the Executive Committee of Teva's Board of Directors from 1992 until 2002. Mr. Shafir served as a director of Am-Shav Technological Innovation Center from 2004 until 2007. He has been a director of Ofer Technologies Ltd. since 1996 and as director of BSD Harvest Ukraine Ltd. since 2008. Mr. Shafir graduated from the Ecole Superieure de Guerre Naval in Paris.

*David Shamir* joined Teva's Board in 2004. He has served as the General Manager of Texas Instruments Israel Ltd. since 2001. From 1986 to 2001, he held several R&D and management positions at Motorola Semiconductor Israel Ltd. He received his B.Sc. in computer engineering from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in 1986.

*Ory Slonim* rejoined Teva's Board in June 2008. Mr. Slonim is an attorney who has been in private practice since 1970 and previously served on Teva's Board from 1998 to 2003 as a statutory independent director. Between 1987 and 2007, Mr. Slonim was a director at Migdal Insurance Company Ltd., serving as Deputy Chairman from 2000 until 2007 and as Chairman of the company's audit committee from 2001 until 2007. He presently serves as a director and Chairman of the audit committee of U. Dori Engineering Works Corp. Ltd., director and Chairman of the audit committee of Oil Refineries Ltd. and as Vice Chairman of Harel Insurance Investments & Financial Services Ltd. From 1989 to 2006, Mr. Slonim served as a Special Consultant to the Minister of Defense. Since 2006, Mr. Slonim has served as Chairman of Variety Club in Israel, where he was President from 1994 to 2007. Mr. Slonim received an LL.B degree from the Hebrew University in 1968.

## **Compensation**

The aggregate direct compensation paid or accrued during 2008 on behalf of all directors and executive officers (including those directors and officers who retired or changed their positions during the year) as a group was \$15.6 million. This amount includes fees of \$2.5 million for non-employee directors and amounts set aside or accrued to provide pension, retirement or similar benefits of \$0.75 million. This amount does not include \$83.5 million from the exercise of previously granted stock options. In addition, directors are reimbursed for expenses incurred as part of their service as directors.

None of the non-employee directors have agreements with us that provide for benefits upon termination of service.

We have adopted a number of stock option or stock incentive programs covering either ordinary shares or ADSs, and we are currently operating under the 2005 Omnibus Long-Term Share Incentive Plan that was approved by our shareholders in July 2005. In 2008, 300,000 options to purchase ordinary shares were awarded to various executive officers at the average exercise price of \$46.26 per share or ADS with an expiration date in 2015.

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As of December 31, 2008, options for an aggregate of approximately 29 million shares, with an average exercise price of \$31.58 per share, and approximately 1.5 million restricted stock units (RSUs), with a weighted average grant date fair value of \$38.13, were outstanding under our stock option and incentive programs. For further information regarding our options and RSUs, see Note 13 to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

### **Board Practices**

Our board of directors comprises 15 persons, of whom 12 have been determined to be independent within the meaning of applicable Nasdaq regulations. The Board includes two independent directors mandated under Israeli law and subject to additional criteria to help ensure their independence. See **Statutory Independent Directors/Financial Experts** below. The terms of the directors are set forth in the table above. In accordance with Nasdaq regulations, we do not consider the following directors to be independent: Eli Hurvitz, Dr. Phillip Frost and Amir Elstein.

All directors are entitled to review and retain copies of our documentation and examine our assets, as required to perform their duties as directors and to receive assistance, in special cases, from outside experts at our expense (subject to approval by the Board or by court).

**Principles of Corporate Governance.** We have adopted a set of corporate governance principles. The full document is available on our website at [www.tevapharm.com](http://www.tevapharm.com).

**Annual Meetings.** We encourage serving directors to attend annual shareholders meetings.

**Board Practices and Procedures.** Our Board members are generally elected for terms of three years. We believe that this system of multi-year terms allows our directors to acquire and provide us with the benefit of a high level of expertise with respect to our complex business. We also provide an orientation program for new Board members as well as a continuing education program for board members which includes lectures, provision of materials, meetings with key management, and visits to company facilities.

**Board Meetings.** Meetings of the board of directors are generally held every 4-6 weeks throughout the year, with additional special meetings scheduled when required. Information regarding the number of meetings of the Board and Board committees and attendance rates is presented in the table below.

**Executive Sessions of the Board.** The independent members of the Board met in executive session (without management or non-independent directors participation) two times during 2008. They will continue to meet in executive session on a regular basis. Prof. Meir Heth serves as Chairman of the executive sessions of the Board.

**Director Service Contracts.** We do not have any contracts with any of our non-employee directors that provide for benefits upon termination of services.

**Communications with the Board.** Shareholders or other interested parties can contact any director or committee of the Board by writing to them care of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited, 5 Basel Street, Petach Tikva, Israel, Attn: Corporate Secretary or Internal Auditor. Comments or complaints relating to our accounting, internal controls or auditing matters will also be referred to members of the audit committee as well as other appropriate bodies of the Company. The Board has adopted a global whistleblower policy, which provides employees and others with an anonymous means of communicating with the audit committee.

### **Statutory Independent Directors/Financial Experts**

Under Israeli law, publicly held Israeli companies such as Teva are required to appoint at least two statutory independent directors, who must also serve on the audit committee. All other Board committees exercising

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powers delegated by the Board must include at least one such statutory independent director. Such statutory independent directors are appointed at the general meetings by the holders of a majority of our ordinary shares and must meet certain non-affiliation criteria all as provided under Israeli law. A statutory independent director is appointed for an initial term of three consecutive years, and may be reappointed for additional three-year terms, subject to certain conditions (including approval by our shareholders at a general meeting) as provided under Israeli regulations. Regulations promulgated under Israeli law set minimum, maximum and other rules regarding compensation that may be paid to statutory independent directors. Dr. Leora Meridor and Joseph Nitzani currently serve in this capacity.

Israeli law further requires that at least one statutory independent director have financial and accounting expertise, and that the other statutory independent director have professional competence, as determined by the company's board of directors. Under relevant regulations, a director having financial and accounting expertise is a person who, due to his or her education, experience and talents, is highly skilled in respect of, and understands, business and accounting matters and financial reports, in a manner that enables him or her to have an in-depth understanding of the company's financial information and to stimulate discussion in respect of the manner in which the financial data is presented. Under the regulations, a director having professional competence is a person who has an academic degree in either economics, business administration, accounting, law or public administration or an academic degree in an area relevant to the company's business, or has at least five years experience in a senior position in the business management of a corporation with a substantial scope of business, in a senior position in the public service or in the field of the company's business.

Both Dr. Leora Meridor and Joseph Nitzani were determined by the board of directors to be financial and accounting experts under Israeli law.

The board of directors has also adopted a policy to require at least two directors who are financial experts in accordance with Israeli law, in addition to the one statutory independent director required under Israeli law, to qualify as a financial expert in accordance with Israeli law. Prof. Meir Heth and Eli Hurvitz were determined by the board of directors to be financial and accounting experts.

## **Committees of the Board**

Our Articles of Association provide that the board of directors may delegate its powers to one or more committees of the Board as it deems appropriate to the extent such delegation is permitted under the Israeli Companies Law. Each committee exercising powers delegated by the Board must include at least one independent director. The Board has appointed the standing committees listed below, as well as committees appointed from time to time for specific purposes determined by the Board. Membership on these Board committees is presented in the table below.

We have adopted charters for our audit, compensation, and corporate governance and nominating committees, formalizing the committees procedures and duties. Each of these charters is available on our website at [www.tevapharm.com](http://www.tevapharm.com).

### ***Audit Committee***

The Israeli Companies Law mandates the appointment of an audit committee comprised of at least three directors. The audit committee must include all statutory independent directors and may not include certain members of the Board. Under the Israeli Companies Law, the audit committee is responsible for overseeing the business management practices of the Company in consultation with the Company's internal auditor and independent auditors, making recommendations to the Board to improve such practices and approving transactions with affiliates, as described below under Item 10: Additional Information Memorandum and Articles of Association Directors Powers.

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In accordance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and Nasdaq requirements, the audit committee of our Board is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of our independent auditors. In addition, the audit committee is responsible for assisting the Board in monitoring our financial statements, the effectiveness of our internal controls and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The audit committee charter sets forth the scope of the committee's responsibilities, including its structure, processes and membership requirements; the committee's purpose; and its specific responsibilities and authority with respect to registered public accounting firms, complaints relating to accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, authority to engage advisors, and funding as determined by the audit committee.

All of the committee members have been determined to be independent as defined by the applicable Nasdaq rules and those of the SEC.

The Board has determined that Prof. Meir Heth is an audit committee financial expert as defined by applicable SEC regulations. See Item 16A: Audit Committee Financial Expert below.

### ***Compensation Committee***

The purpose of the compensation committee is to carry out on behalf of the board of directors the responsibilities of the board relating to compensation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and other senior officers. The committee is responsible for establishing annual and long-term performance goals and objectives for our executive officers, reviewing the overall compensation philosophy of the Company and making recommendations to the board of directors with respect to cash-based incentive compensation plans, equity-based compensation plans and other benefit plans with regard to the CEO and senior executive officers. All of the committee members have been determined to be independent as defined by the applicable Nasdaq rules and those of the SEC.

### ***Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee***

The role of the corporate governance and nominating committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to the (i) identification of individuals who are qualified to become (or be re-elected as) board members; (ii) development and/or implementation of corporate governance principles and proposal of such principles to the Board for its approval; and (iii) review at least annually of the principles of corporate governance approved by the Board, with the purpose of evaluating the compliance with such principles, as well as their relevance and conformance with legal requirements. All of the committee members have been determined to be independent as defined by the applicable Nasdaq rules and those of the SEC.

### ***Finance Committee***

The finance committee is responsible for overseeing Teva's financial strategies and policies, risk management and financial controls and reporting, as well as a variety of other financial-related matters.

### ***Science and Technology Committee***

The science and technology committee is primarily engaged in the review and analysis of the annual budgets and plans of the innovative and generic R&D divisions, the review of new technologies and major projects, and the review of our relationship with the scientific community.

### ***Community Affairs Committee***

The community affairs committee is primarily engaged in the review and oversight of our involvement in the community, public policy issues affecting us and our relationships with medical, educational and cultural institutions, including charitable donations.



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Name	Audit	Compensation	Corporate Governance and Nominating	Finance	Science and Technology	Community Affairs
E. Hurvitz				ü	ü	ü*
Dr. P. Frost					ü*	
R. Abravanel				ü		
R. Cheshin						ü
A. E. Cohen		ü	ü		ü	
A. Elstein				ü	ü	ü
Prof. M. Heth	ü		ü*	ü		ü
Prof. R. Kornberg					ü	
Prof. M. Many	ü	ü*	ü		ü+	
Dr. L. Meridor	ü	ü	ü	ü*	ü	ü
Y. Nitzani	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü
D. Propper					ü	
D. Shafir	ü*				ü	ü
D. Shamir	ü	ü	ü			
O. Slonim		ü	ü		ü	ü

Key: ü Member; \* Chairperson; + Vice Chairperson.

**Board and Committee Meetings**

Name of Body	No. of Meetings in 2008	Average Attendance Rate
Board of Directors	19	85
Audit Committee	13	89
Compensation Committee	5	83
Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee	7	91
Finance Committee	4	88
Science and Technology Committee	4	90
Community Affairs Committee	2	75

**Employees**

As of December 31, 2008, we employed 38,307 full-time-equivalent employees. We consider our labor relations with our employees around the world to be good.

Geographic Area	December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Israel	6,161	5,534	5,039
Europe	16,007	9,235	8,827
North America	8,807	6,123	6,411
Latin America	5,716	5,766	5,603
Asia	1,555	1,197	732
Other countries	61	57	58
Total	38,307	27,912	26,670



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Grouped by function, approximately 54% of our employees work in pharmaceutical production, 26% in sales and marketing, 9% in research and development and 11% in the general and administrative function.

**Share Ownership**

As of December 31, 2008, the directors and executive officers as a group beneficially held 41,235,075 ordinary shares (representing approximately 4.6% of the outstanding shares as of such date). This figure includes 16,301,987 shares beneficially owned by Dr. Phillip Frost, representing approximately 1.8% of the outstanding shares, and 10,360,718 shares beneficially owned by Eli Hurvitz, representing approximately 1.2% of the outstanding shares. Such persons are the only directors or officers who hold 1% or more of our outstanding shares as of December 31, 2008.

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**ITEM 7: MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

According to a disclosure notification received on February 24, 2009, as of such date, Capital Research and Management Company beneficially owned 60,741,186 Teva shares, which as of such date represented approximately 6.8% of Teva's outstanding shares. To the best knowledge of Teva, as of December 31, 2008, no other shareholder beneficially owned 5% or more of Teva's ordinary shares. All holders of Teva ordinary shares have one vote per share.

In September 2006, Teva and Protalix Ltd. signed a collaboration and licensing agreement for the development of two proteins, using Protalix's plant cell culture platform. Under the agreement, the two companies will collaborate on research and development of the proteins utilizing Protalix's expression system. Protalix will grant Teva an exclusive license to commercialize the developed products in return for royalty and milestone payments to be made to Protalix upon the achievement of certain pre-defined goals. Protalix will retain certain exclusive manufacturing rights. Eli Hurvitz, Teva's Chairman of the Board, is Chairman of the Board of Protalix. Mr. Hurvitz and Dr. Frost, Teva's Vice Chairman of the Board, each own certain equity interests in Protalix.

In January 2007, Teva and Se-cure Pharmaceuticals Ltd entered into a Marketing, Selling and Distribution Agreement for Femarelle, a food supplement. Pursuant to the Agreement, Teva has the exclusive right to market, sell and distribute Femarelle in Israel. Dr. Ben-Zion Weiner, Teva's Chief R&D Officer, holds a right to receive 4% of the issued and outstanding share capital of Se-cure and is also a member of its scientific advisory board.

In May 2008, Teva entered a Share Purchase Agreement and Research and an Exclusive License Option Agreement with NovoTyr Therapeutics Ltd., which develops novel inhibitors of insulin-like growth factor receptor (IGF1R). NovoTyr was established in 2005 in Meytav Incubator, whose Chairman until December 2008 was Aharon Schwartz, Teva's VP Innovative Ventures. Meytav is controlled by Biomedix, which is controlled by Pontifax, and Eli Hurvitz, Teva's Chairman of the Board, is Chairman of the Board of Pontifax and owns certain equity interests in Pontifax.

Teva and Jexys Medical Research Services & Development Co. Ltd entered in December 2006 into an agreement for the development of up to five prototype molecules, using Jexys' platform technology. As part of the agreement, Jexys granted Teva an option to receive an exclusive, worldwide royalty-bearing license for the commercialization of products in exchange for certain milestone payments and royalties. In August 2008, Teva and Jexys entered a Share Purchase Agreement, under which Teva will invest in Jexys while maintaining its option for exclusive license. Harold Snyder, a recently deceased director of Teva, was a shareholder of Jexys, and Arik Yaari, Teva's Group Vice President Teva Generic Systems, is a director and shareholder of Jexys.

In September 2008, Teva granted OPKO Ophthalmics, LLC an exclusive worldwide license to use Teva's existing nebulized budesonide inhalation solution to develop and commercialize a therapeutic treatment exclusively for ophthalmic indications. OPKO Ophthalmics, LLC is a development stage specialty healthcare company owned by a public holding company, OPKO Health, Inc., which is controlled by Dr. Phillip Frost, Teva's Vice Chairman of the Board, through individual and private investment holdings. Dr. Frost also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO of OPKO Health, Inc.

In September 2006, Teva sold the office building located at 4400 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida to an entity controlled by Vice Chairman Dr. Phillip Frost. The selling price was \$18 million. Following the sale, a subsidiary of Teva USA leased back approximately 87,000 square feet of office space. In October 2008, after the initial lease had expired, Teva entered into a lease of 9,950 square feet for an annual rent of approximately \$298,500 (including operational and service costs) for a two-year term, renewable by Teva for two additional three-year terms. Such amount was determined by Teva not to exceed the fair market rent for the property following a review of the commercial rental market for such space.

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All related party transactions described above have been reviewed and approved by Teva's audit committee and board of directors.

As of December 31, 2008, there were approximately 2,795 record holders of ADSs, whose holdings represented approximately 78% of the total outstanding ordinary shares, substantially all of which record holders were in the United States.

### **ITEM 8: FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

#### **8A: Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information**

**8A.1: See Item 18.**

**8A.2: See Item 18.**

**8A.3: See Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, page F-2.**

**8A.4: We have complied with this requirement.**

**8A.5: Not applicable.**

**8A.6: Not applicable.**

#### **8A.7: Legal Proceedings**

Teva is subject to various litigation and other legal proceedings. For a discussion of these matters, see "Contingent Liabilities" included in Note 12 to Teva's consolidated financial statements included in this report. In addition, during 2008, Teva settled various litigations, as described under "Item 4 Information on the Company Pharmaceutical Products Generic Products North America Recent Patent Litigation Settlements."

**8A.8: Dividend Policy** See "Item 3: Key Information Selected Financial Data Dividends."

**8B: Significant Changes** None.

### **ITEM 9: THE OFFER AND LISTING**

#### **ADSs**

Teva's ADSs have been traded in the United States since 1982 and were admitted to trading on the Nasdaq National Market in October 1987. The ADSs are quoted under the symbol TEVA. The Bank of New York Mellon serves as depository for the shares. In November 2002, Teva was added to the NASDAQ 100 Index. As of December 31, 2008, Teva had 700,227,714 ADSs outstanding. Each ADS represents one ordinary share; accordingly, the number of the outstanding ADSs is included in the number of outstanding ordinary shares.

In June 2004, Teva effected a 2-for-1 stock split. Each holder of an ordinary share, or an ADS, as the case may be, was issued another share. All figures in this annual report have been adjusted to reflect the stock split.

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The following table sets forth information regarding the high and low prices of an ADS on Nasdaq for the periods specified in U.S. dollars.

<b>Period</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Last six months:</b>		
February 2009 (until February 23)	46.75	41.05
January 2009	43.19	41.23
December 2008	45.11	41.20
November 2008	44.03	39.75
October 2008	47.10	35.89
September 2008	48.19	43.36
August 2008	48.74	45.44
<b>Last eight quarters:</b>		
Q4 2008	47.10	35.89
Q3 2008	48.74	40.37
Q2 2008	47.83	41.95
Q1 2008	50.00	43.56
Q4 2007	47.14	42.79
Q3 2007	44.93	40.16
Q2 2007	42.03	35.90
Q1 2007	38.48	30.81
<b>Last five years:</b>		
2008	50.00	35.89
2007	47.14	30.81
2006	44.71	29.22
2005	45.91	26.78
2004	34.66	22.82

On February 23, 2009, the last reported sale price for the ADSs on Nasdaq was \$45.26. The American Stock Exchange, the Chicago Options Exchange and the Pacific Stock Exchange quote options on Teva's ADSs under the symbol TEVA.

Teva's ADSs are also traded on SEAQ International in London and on the exchanges in Frankfurt and Berlin.

**Ordinary Shares**

Teva's ordinary shares have been listed on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange since 1951. As of December 31, 2008, Teva had 888,723,469 ordinary shares outstanding, including those ordinary shares underlying the outstanding ADSs.

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The table below sets forth in NIS the high and low intraday sale prices of the ordinary shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange during the periods indicated, as reported by such Exchange (restated to reflect the June 2004 stock split).

<b>Period</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Last six months:</b>		
February 2009 (until February 23)	191.00	167.10
January 2009	169.40	160.30
December 2008	173.00	156.80
November 2008	173.00	151.70
October 2008	165.00	139.70
September 2008	172.30	150.40
August 2008	173.00	160.90
<b>Last eight quarters:</b>		
Q4 2008	173.00	139.70
Q3 2008	173.00	136.00
Q2 2008	171.20	140.80
Q1 2008	188.80	150.40
Q4 2007	184.00	167.20
Q3 2007	188.90	169.90
Q2 2007	176.10	148.60
Q1 2007	161.20	130.00
<b>Last five years:</b>		
2008	188.80	136.00
2007	188.90	130.00
2006	205.00	129.20
2005	206.10	116.00
2004	156.80	105.50

On February 23, 2009, the last reported sale price of the ordinary shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange was NIS 189.90.

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### **ITEM 10: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** **Memorandum and Articles of Association**

#### *Register*

Teva's registration number at the Israeli registrar of companies is 52-001395-4.

#### *Directors' Powers*

The Israeli Companies Law, 1999 (the "Companies Law") requires approval by both the audit committee and the board of directors of, among other things, the following actions or transactions, all subject to the requirement that such transactions are not adverse to the interests of the company:

proposed transactions between a company and its office holders (as such term is defined in the Companies Law), and proposed transactions between a company and a third party in which an office holder has a personal interest (as such term is defined in the Companies Law), that are outside the ordinary course of the company's business, that are not in accordance with market conditions or that may materially influence the earnings, assets or liabilities of the company;

material actions that may otherwise be deemed to constitute a breach of fiduciary duty of any office holder of the company, that are done in good faith; and

the grant of indemnification, insurance and exemptions to office holders who are not directors, or the undertaking to indemnify an office holder who is not a director.

Under the Companies Law, certain other transactions (listed in Section 270 of the Companies Law) that require approval by the audit committee and the board of directors may also require shareholder approval (including, in certain cases, a specified percentage of disinterested shareholders).

Approvals of the terms of service of directors, including the grant of exemption, insurance, an undertaking to indemnify or indemnification under a permit to indemnify as well as the company's contracts with its directors on conditions of employment in other capacities, require approval by the audit committee, the board of directors and the shareholders.

A director with a personal interest in any of the above transactions may not be present and may not vote at the board of directors and audit committee's meetings at which such transaction is approved (except under certain circumstances detailed in Section 278(b) of the Companies Law). In cases in which the approval of the audit committee is required, the audit committee may only approve such transactions if two statutory independent directors are members of the audit committee and at least one of them is present at the meeting at which the transaction is approved.

The Companies Law requires that an office holder promptly disclose any personal interest that he may have and every substantive fact or document in connection with any existing or proposed transaction by the company and codifies the duty of care and fiduciary duties that an office holder owes to the company.

Neither Teva's Memorandum or Articles of Association, nor the laws of the State of Israel, mandate retirement or non-retirement of directors at a certain age, or share ownership for a director's qualification.

The board of directors of Teva has adopted a policy that at least two directors of the Company be required to qualify as financial experts in accordance with Israeli law, in addition to the one statutory independent director required to qualify as a financial expert in accordance with Israeli law.



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### **CEO and Center of Management**

Under Teva's Articles of Association, Teva's chief executive officer as well as the majority of the members of the Board are required to be residents of Israel, unless Teva's center of management shall have been transferred to another country in accordance with the Articles of Association. The Articles of Association require that Teva's center of management be in Israel, unless the board of directors otherwise resolves, with a supermajority of three-quarters of the participating votes.

### **Description of Teva Ordinary Shares**

The par value of Teva's ordinary shares is NIS 0.10 per share, and all issued and outstanding ordinary shares are fully paid and non-assessable. Holders of paid-up ordinary shares are entitled to participate equally in the payment of dividends and other distributions and, in the event of liquidation, in all distributions after the discharge of liabilities to creditors. Teva's board of directors may declare interim dividends and propose the final dividend with respect to any fiscal year out of profits available for dividends after statutory appropriation to capital reserves. Declaration of a final dividend (not exceeding the amount proposed by the Board) requires shareholder approval through the adoption of an ordinary resolution. Dividends are declared in NIS. All ordinary shares represented by the ADSs will be issued in registered form only. Ordinary shares do not entitle their holders to preemptive rights.

Voting is on the basis of one vote per share. An ordinary resolution (for example, resolutions for the approval of final dividends and the appointment of auditors) requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares voting in person or by proxy. Certain resolutions (for example, resolutions amending many of the provisions of the Articles of Association) require the affirmative vote of at least 75% of the shares voting in person or by proxy, and certain amendments of the Articles of Association require the affirmative vote of at least 85% of the shares voting in person or by proxy, unless a lower percentage shall have been established by the board of directors, and approved by three-quarters of those directors voting, at a meeting of the board of directors which shall have taken place prior to that general meeting.

### **Meetings of Shareholders**

Under the Companies Law and Teva's Articles of Association, Teva is required to hold an annual meeting every year no later than fifteen months after the previous annual meeting. In addition, Teva is required to hold a special meeting:

at the direction of the board of directors;

if so requested by two directors or one-fourth of the serving directors; or

upon the request of one or more shareholders who have at least 5% of the voting rights.

If the board of directors receives a demand to convene a special meeting, it must publicly announce the scheduling of the meeting within 21 days after the demand was delivered. The meeting must then be held no later than 35 days after the notice was made public (except under certain circumstances as provided under the Companies Law).

The agenda at an annual meeting is determined by the board of directors. The agenda must also include proposals for which the convening of a special meeting was demanded, as well as any proposal requested by one or more shareholders who hold no less than 1% of the voting rights, as long as the proposal is one suitable for discussion at an annual meeting.

A notice of an annual meeting must be made public and delivered to every shareholder registered in the shareholders' register at least 30 days before the meeting is convened. The shareholders entitled to participate and vote at the meeting are the shareholders as of the record date set in the decision to convene the meeting.

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provided that the record date is not more than 40 days, and not less than 28 days, before the date of the meeting, provided that notice of the general meeting was published prior to the record date. Israeli regulations further require public companies to send voting cards, proxy notes and position papers to their shareholders if certain issues, as provided by the Companies Law, are included in the agenda of such meeting.

Under the Companies Law, a shareholder who intends to vote at a meeting must demonstrate that he owns shares in accordance with certain regulations. Under these regulations, a shareholder whose shares are registered with a member of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange must provide Teva with an authorization from such member regarding his ownership as of the record date.

### **Right of Non-Israeli Shareholders to Vote**

Neither the Memorandum of Association, the Articles of Association, nor the laws of the State of Israel restrict in any way the ownership or voting of Teva's ordinary shares by nonresidents or persons who are not citizens of Israel, except with respect to citizens or residents of countries that are in a state of war with Israel.

### **Change of Control**

Subject to certain exceptions, the Companies Law provides that a merger requires approval both by the board of directors and by the shareholders of each of the merging companies. In approving a merger, the board of directors must determine that there is no reasonable expectation that, as a result of the merger, the merged company will not be able to meet its obligations to its creditors. Creditors may seek a court order to enjoin or delay the merger if there is an expectation that the merged company will not be able to meet its obligations to its creditors. A court may also issue other instructions for the protection of the creditors' rights in connection with a merger.

Under the Companies Law, an acquisition of shares in a public company must be made by means of a purchase offer to all stockholders if, as a result of the acquisition, the purchaser would become a 25% or more stockholder of the company. This rule does not apply if there is already another 25% or more stockholder of the company, nor does it apply to a purchase of shares by way of a private offering in certain circumstances provided under the Companies Law.

### **Foreign Exchange Regulations**

Nonresidents of Israel who purchase ADSs with U.S. dollars or other non-Israeli currency will be able to receive dividends, if any, and any amounts payable upon the dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of Teva, in U.S. dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of conversion. Dividends to non-Israeli residents are subject to withholding. See [Israel Taxation Withholding Taxes on Dividends Distributed by Teva to Non-Israeli Residents](#) below.

### **ADS Fees**

The following charges shall be incurred by any party depositing or withdrawing ordinary shares or by any party surrendering ADSs or to whom ADSs are issued (including, without limitation, issuance pursuant to a stock dividend or stock split declared by Teva or an exchange of stock regarding the ADSs or deposited ordinary shares or a distribution of ADSs pursuant to the terms of the deposit agreement):

any applicable taxes and other governmental charges;

any applicable transfer or registration fees;

certain cable, telex and facsimile transmission charges as provided in the deposit agreement;

any expenses incurred in the conversion of foreign currency;



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a fee of \$5.00 or less per 100 ADSs (or a portion of such amount of ADSs) for the delivery of ADSs in connection with the deposit of ordinary shares, distributions in ordinary shares on the surrender of ADSs or the distribution of rights on the ordinary shares;

a fee of \$0.02 or less per ADS for any cash distributions on the ordinary shares;

a fee of \$5.00 or less per 100 ADSs (or a portion of such amount of ADSs) for the distribution of securities on the ordinary shares (other than ordinary shares or rights thereon); and

a fee of \$0.02 or less per ADS annually for depositary services performed by the depositary and/or the custodians (which may be charged directly to the owners or which may be withheld from cash distributions, at the sole discretion of the depositary).

### **U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations**

The following is a summary of material U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. Holders of ADSs who hold such securities as capital assets. For purposes of this summary, a U.S. Holder means a beneficial owner of an ADS that is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

a citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation (or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof;

an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of its source; or

a trust, if a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or if the trust was in existence on August 20, 1996 and has elected to continue to be treated as a U.S. person.

If an entity that is classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes holds ADSs, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of its partners will generally depend upon the status of the partners and the activities of the partnership. Entities that are classified as partnerships for U.S. federal tax purposes and persons holding ADSs through such entities should consult their own tax advisors.

This summary is based on the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), existing final, temporary and proposed regulations thereunder, judicial decisions and published positions of the Internal Revenue Service, and the treaty between the United States and Israel relating to income taxes, all as of the date of this annual report and all of which are subject to change (including changes in interpretation), possibly with retroactive effect. It is also based in part on representations by the depositary and assumes that each obligation under the deposit agreement and any related agreement will be performed in accordance with its terms.

This summary does not purport to be a complete analysis of all potential tax consequences of owning ADSs. In particular, this discussion does not take into account the specific circumstances of any particular investor (such as tax-exempt entities, certain insurance companies, broker-dealers, investors subject to the alternative minimum tax, investors that actually or constructively own 10% or more of Teva's voting securities, investors that hold ordinary shares or ADSs as part of a straddle or hedging or conversion transaction, traders in securities that elect to mark to market, banks or other financial institutions, partnerships or other entities classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes or investors whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar), some of which may be subject to special rules. Investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of the ownership of ADSs, including the consequences under applicable state and local law and federal estate tax law, and the application of foreign laws or the effect of nonresident status on U.S. taxation.

U.S. Holders of ADSs will be treated as owners of the ordinary shares underlying their ADSs. Accordingly, deposits and withdrawals of ordinary shares in exchange for ADSs will not be taxable events for U.S. federal income tax purposes.



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The U.S. Treasury has expressed concerns that parties to whom ADSs are released may be taking actions that are inconsistent with the claiming of foreign tax credits for U.S. Holders of ADSs. Such actions would also be inconsistent with the claiming of the reduced rate of tax, described below, applicable to dividends received by certain non-corporate U.S. Holders. Accordingly, the analysis of the availability of foreign tax credits and the reduced tax rate for dividends received by certain non-corporate U.S. Holders, described below, could be affected by actions taken by parties to whom the ADSs are released.

### **Taxation of Distributions**

The amount of any distribution paid to a U.S. Holder, including any Israeli taxes withheld from the amount of such distribution, will be subject to U.S. federal income taxation as ordinary income from sources outside the United States to the extent paid out of current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Subject to applicable limitations, dividends paid to non-corporate U.S. Holders with respect to taxable years beginning on or before December 31, 2010 are generally subject to tax at a maximum rate of 15%. The amount of any distribution of property other than cash will be the property's fair market value on the date of the distribution. To the extent that an amount received by a U.S. Holder exceeds that U.S. Holder's allocable share of current and accumulated earnings and profits, such excess will be applied first to reduce that U.S. Holder's tax basis in the shares and then, to the extent the distribution exceeds that U.S. Holder's tax basis, will be treated as a capital gain. Any dividend received will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction generally allowed to U.S. corporations in respect of dividends received from other U.S. corporations.

Dividends paid in NIS will be included in a U.S. Holder's income in a U.S. dollar amount calculated by reference to the exchange rate in effect on the date of the U.S. Holder's (or, in the case of ADSs, the depository's) receipt of the dividend, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars. If the dividend is converted into U.S. dollars on the date of receipt, a U.S. Holder should generally not be required to recognize foreign currency gain or loss in respect of the dividend income. A U.S. Holder may have foreign currency gain or loss, which will be treated as income from sources within the United States, if he or she does not convert the amount of such dividend into U.S. dollars on the date of receipt. The amount of any distribution of property other than cash will be the property's fair market value on the date of the distribution.

Subject to applicable limitations that may vary depending on a U.S. Holder's circumstances, Israeli taxes withheld from dividends on Teva ADSs at the rate provided by the U.S.-Israel tax treaty will be creditable against a U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability. The limitation on foreign taxes eligible for credit is calculated separately with respect to specific classes of income. The rules governing foreign tax credits are complex, and, therefore, you should consult your own tax advisor regarding the availability of foreign tax credits in your particular circumstances. Instead of claiming a credit, a U.S. Holder may elect to deduct such otherwise creditable Israeli taxes in computing taxable income, subject to generally applicable limitations.

### **Taxation of the Disposition of ADSs**

Upon the sale or exchange of ADSs, a U.S. Holder will generally recognize capital gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized and the U.S. Holder's tax basis determined in U.S. dollars in the ADSs. The gain or loss will generally be gain or loss from sources within the United States for foreign tax credit limitation purposes. In general, the capital gain of a non-corporate U.S. Holder is subject to tax at ordinary rates for ADSs held for one year or less and at the long-term capital gains rate (currently 15%) for ADSs held for more than one year. A U.S. Holder's ability to deduct capital losses is subject to limitations.

The surrender of ADSs in exchange for ordinary shares, or vice versa, will not be a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and U.S. Holders will not recognize any gain or loss upon such an exchange.

### **U.S. Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

A U.S. Holder generally will be subject to information reporting with respect to dividends paid on, or proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, an ADS unless the U.S. Holder is a corporation or comes within

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another category of exempt recipients. If it is not exempt, a U.S. Holder may also be subject to backup withholding with respect to dividends or proceeds from the sale or disposition of an ADS unless a taxpayer identification number is provided and the other applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules are complied with. Any amount withheld under these rules will be creditable against the U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability or refundable to the extent that it exceeds such liability, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

U.S. Holders should review the summary below under "Israeli Taxation" for a discussion of the Israeli taxes which may be applicable to them.

**Israeli Taxation**

**Corporate Tax Rate**

The regular corporate tax rate in Israel was 27% in 2008 compared to 29% in 2007 and 31% in 2006. This rate is currently scheduled to decrease as follows: to 26% in 2009 and 25% in 2010 and onward. However, Teva's effective consolidated tax rates (before deduction of certain charges) for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 were 22%, 17% and 22%, respectively, since a major portion of Teva's income is derived from Approved Enterprises (as discussed below), the applicable tax rate for which has not been reduced, and from operations outside of Israel, where Teva has enjoyed lower tax rates.

**Law for the Encouragement of Industry (Taxes), 1969 (the "Industry Encouragement Law")**

Teva and certain of its Israeli subsidiaries currently qualify as "Industrial Companies" pursuant to the Industry Encouragement Law. As such, Teva and these subsidiaries qualify for certain tax benefits, including amortization of the purchase price of a good-faith acquisition of a patent or of certain other intangible property rights at the rate of 12.5% per annum and the right to file consolidated tax returns. Currently, Teva files consolidated tax returns together with certain Israeli subsidiaries. The tax laws and regulations dealing with the adjustment of taxable income for local inflation provide that industrial enterprises such as those of Teva and its subsidiaries which qualify as Industrial Companies can claim special rates of depreciation of up to 40% on a straight line basis for industrial equipment. New regulations generally allow the depreciation of industrial equipment purchased until May 31, 2009 over a period of two tax years.

Eligibility for benefits under the Industry Encouragement Law is not subject to receipt of prior approval from any government authority. Teva cannot assure you that Teva or any of its Israeli subsidiaries that presently qualify as Industrial Companies will continue to qualify as such in the future, or that the benefits will be granted in the future.

**Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments, 1959 (the "Investment Law")**

Industrial projects of Teva and certain of its Israeli subsidiaries are eligible to be granted "Approved Enterprise" status under the Investment Law.

The Investment Law empowers the Israeli Investment Center to grant Approved Enterprise status to capital investments in production facilities that meet certain relevant criteria. In general, such capital investments will receive Approved Enterprise status if the enterprise is expected to contribute to the development of the productive capacity of the economy, absorption of immigrants, creation of employment opportunities, or improvement in the balance of payments.

The tax benefits derived from any such Approved Enterprise relate only to taxable profits attributable to the specific program of investment to which the status was granted. In the event that Teva and its subsidiaries that have been granted Approved Enterprise status are operating under more than one approval, or in the event that their capital investments are only partly approved, their effective corporate tax rate will be the result of a weighted combination of the various rates applicable.

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Most of Teva's projects in Israel were granted Approved Enterprise status. For the vast majority of such Approved Enterprises, the companies elected to apply for alternative tax benefits—the waiver of government grants in return for tax exemptions on undistributed income. Upon distribution of such exempt income, the distributing company will be subject to corporate tax at the rate ordinarily applicable to the Approved Enterprise's income. Such tax exemption on undistributed income applies for a limited period of between two to ten years, depending upon the location of the enterprise. During the remainder of the benefits period (generally until the expiration of ten years), a corporate tax rate not exceeding 25% will apply (rather than the usual rate which was 27% in 2008, gradually scheduled to be reduced to 25% in 2010).

Teva is a foreign investors company, or FIC, as defined by the Investment Law, and is entitled to further reductions in the tax rate normally applicable to Approved Enterprises. Due to the fact that its current level of foreign ownership is more than 74%, its Approved Enterprise income is taxable at a tax rate not exceeding 15% for a 10 year period. Teva cannot assure you that it will continue to qualify as a FIC in the future or that the benefits described herein will be granted in the future.

Dividends paid by a company owning an Approved Enterprise, the source of which dividends is income derived from the Approved Enterprise accrued during the benefits period, are generally taxed at a rate of 15% (which is withheld and paid by the company paying the dividend) if such dividends are paid during the benefits period or at any time up to 12 years thereafter. The 12-year limitation does not apply to a FIC.

In April 2005, a major amendment to the Investment Law came into effect, which is intended to provide expanded tax benefits to local and foreign investors and to simplify the bureaucratic process relating to the approval of investments that qualify under the Investment Law. Under the amendment, certain minimum qualifying investment requirements, time restrictions in which the investment is made and other conditions were established for new approved enterprises or expansions. Moreover, with a view to simplifying the bureaucratic process, the amendment provides that, in the event that an investment project meets all of the eligibility criteria under one of the Alternative Tracks (Standard Alternative Track, Ireland Track or Strategic Investment Track), as discussed further below, a project will automatically qualify for Approved Enterprise taxation benefits under the Investment Law with no need for prior approval from the Investment Center.

The amendment generally does not apply retroactively to investment programs having an Approved Enterprise approval certificate from the Investment Center issued prior to December 31, 2004 (even when investments under these programs are made after January 1, 2005). The amendment will only apply to a new Approved Enterprise and to an Approved Enterprise expansion for which the first year of benefits is 2004 or any year thereafter.

The Amendment provides two additional tracks—The Ireland Track and The Strategic Investment Track—in addition to those previously available. The Ireland Track generally enables companies that have an Approved Enterprise at a certain location in the country to distribute dividends while maintaining a low company and dividend tax burden. Upon election, the Ireland Track generally provides that during the 10-year benefit period the Approved Enterprise income will be subject to a corporate tax rate of 11.5% and a tax rate of 4% on dividends distributed from such income to foreign investors. Effectively, in the case of foreign shareholders, the aggregate corporate tax and withholding tax burden will be 15%. With respect to Israeli shareholders, the regular 15% rate still applies to dividend distributions, and therefore there would be an aggregate corporate tax and dividend liability of 24.78%.

The Strategic Investment Track applies to companies that have an Approved Enterprise in a certain location in the country, which enterprise has (i) investments of at least NIS 600 million or NIS 900 million (approximately \$150 or \$225 million) depending on the location in the country; and (ii) annual revenues (measured for the company's consolidated group) for the tax year prior to the year the new investment begins (or the annual average for the three years prior to the year of investment) of at least NIS 13 billion or NIS 20 billion (approximately \$3.25 billion or \$5 billion). Income accrued under this track during the benefits period will be



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exempt from a corporate tax liability. In addition, dividends distributed from such income will also be exempt from Israeli tax. The Israeli government, in certain cases, may reduce these minimum requirements if it determines that the investments will result in material contributions to the Israeli economy. Teva has one approved program under this track.

Unless extended, benefits under the Investment Law are granted with respect to qualified investments made in the period until August 1, 2009. However, as previously mentioned, eligibility for benefits under the Investment Law with respect to Approved Enterprises and expansions of Approved Enterprises from 2004 and onwards, is not subject to receipt of prior approval from any governmental authority. Teva cannot assure that it or any of its subsidiaries will continue to meet all the requirements in order to qualify for Approved Enterprise taxation benefits or that the benefits described above will continue to be granted in the future.

## **Taxation of Non-Israeli Subsidiaries**

Non-Israeli subsidiaries are generally taxed based upon tax laws applicable in their countries of residence. In accordance with the provisions of Israeli-controlled foreign corporation rules, certain income of a non-Israeli subsidiary, if the subsidiary's primary source of income is passive income (such as interest, dividends, royalties, rental income or income from capital gains), may be deemed distributed as a dividend to the Israeli parent company and consequently is subject to Israeli taxation. An Israeli company that is subject to Israeli taxes on such deemed dividend income of its non-Israeli subsidiaries may generally receive a credit for non-Israeli income taxes paid by the subsidiary in its country of residence or are to be withheld from the actual dividend distributions.

## **Withholding Taxes on Dividends Distributed by Teva to Non-Israeli Residents**

Dividends distributed by an Israeli company to non-Israeli residents are generally subject to a 20% tax to be withheld at the source (generally 15% in the case of dividends distributed from taxable income attributable to an Approved Enterprise), unless a lower rate is provided in a treaty between Israel and the shareholder's country of residence.

Under the U.S.-Israel tax treaty, the maximum Israeli tax and withholding tax on dividends paid to a holder of ordinary shares or ADSs who is a resident of the United States is generally 25%, but is reduced to 12.5% if the dividends are paid to a corporation that holds in excess of 10% of the voting rights of Teva during Teva's taxable year preceding the distribution of the dividend and the portion of Teva's taxable year in which the dividend was distributed. Dividends of an Israeli company derived from the income of an Approved Enterprise will still be subject to a 15% dividend withholding tax; provided that, if the dividend is attributable partly to income derived from an Approved Enterprise, and partly to other sources of income, the withholding rate will be a blended rate reflecting the relative portions of the two types of income. The withheld tax is the final tax in Israel on dividends paid to non-residents who do not conduct business in Israel. The rate of tax withheld on Teva's dividends in the fourth quarter of 2008 was 20%.

A non-resident of Israel who has interest or dividend income derived from or accrued in Israel, from which tax was withheld at the source, is generally exempt from the duty to file tax returns in Israel in respect of such income, provided such income was not derived from a business conducted in Israel by the taxpayer.

## **Capital Gains and Income Taxes Applicable to Non-Israeli Shareholders**

Israeli law generally imposes a capital gains tax on the sale of securities and any other capital asset.

Gains on the sale of ordinary shares traded on a recognized stock exchange (including the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange and NASDAQ) by non-Israeli tax resident investors will generally be exempt from Israeli capital gains tax. Notwithstanding the foregoing, dealers in securities in Israel are taxed at regular tax rates applicable to business income.

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In addition, the U.S.-Israel tax treaty exempts U.S. residents who hold an interest of less than 10% in an Israeli company, including Teva, and who did not hold an interest of 10% or more in the company at any time during the 12 months prior to a sale of their shares, from Israeli capital gains tax in connection with such sale. Certain other tax treaties to which Israel is a party also grant exemptions from Israeli capital gains taxes.

**Documents on Display**

Teva files annual and special reports and other information with the SEC. You may inspect and copy such material at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of such material from the SEC at prescribed rates by writing to the Public Reference Section of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room.

The SEC maintains an Internet website at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains reports, proxy statements, information statements and other material that are filed through the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval ( EDGAR ) system. Teva began filing through the EDGAR system beginning on October 31, 2002.

Teva also files annual and special reports and other information with the Israeli Securities Authority through its fair disclosure electronic system called the MAGNA. You may review these filings on the website of the MAGNA system operated by the Israeli Securities Authority at [www.magna.isa.gov.il](http://www.magna.isa.gov.il) or on the website of the TASE at [www.tase.co.il](http://www.tase.co.il).

Teva's ADSs are quoted on the Nasdaq National Market. Information about Teva is also available on its website at <http://www.tevapharm.com>. Such information on its website is not part of this annual report.

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Teva takes various measures to compensate for the effects of fluctuations in both exchange rates and interest rates. These measures include traditional currency hedging transactions as well as attempts to maintain a balance between monetary assets and liabilities in each of Teva's principal operating currencies, mainly the U.S. dollar, the new Israeli shekel (NIS), the euro, the Canadian dollar (CAD), the pound sterling (GBP), the Hungarian forint (HUF) and other European currencies. The costs and gains resulting from such instruments are not allocated to specific income statement line items, but are concentrated to a large extent under the caption "financial expenses net".

Teva is typically able to borrow funds in NIS, U.S. dollars or any other major currency. Generally, Teva would prefer to borrow in U.S. dollars; however, the loan is subject to the functional currency of Teva's borrowing subsidiary in order to reduce the volatility of the financial expenses. Teva uses financial instruments and derivatives in order to limit its exposure to risks deriving from changes in exchange rates and interest rates. The use of such instruments does not expose Teva to additional exchange rate or interest rate risks because the derivatives are covered in the corresponding underlying asset or liability of Teva. No derivative instruments are entered into for trading purposes.

Teva's derivative transactions during 2008 were executed through international as well as Israeli and Hungarian banks. In the opinion of Teva's management, in light of Teva's diversified derivative transaction portfolio, any credit risk associated with any of these banks is de minimis.

**Exchange Rate Risk Management**

As a result of the Barr acquisition in December 2008, Teva's currency exposure increased due to Barr's substantial presence in markets where Teva had no significant presence prior to the Barr acquisition. This increase has impacted both the volume and the diversity of currencies.

Teva hedges against exposure deriving from the gap between current assets and current liabilities in each currency other than the U.S. dollar ("balance sheet exposure") in the subsidiaries in which the functional currency is the U.S. dollar. The majority of the balance sheet exposure in such subsidiaries is in European currencies, Canadian dollars and NIS. In Teva's European subsidiaries, Teva protects against the gap between current assets and current liabilities in currencies other than the local functional currency (generally against the U.S. dollar and other European currencies). Teva strives to limit its exposure through "natural" hedging, *i.e.*, attempting to have matching levels of assets and liabilities in any given currency. The rest of the exposure, which is not set off naturally, is substantially covered by the use of derivative instruments. To the extent possible or desirable, this is done on a consolidated basis.

In certain cases, Teva protects itself against exposure from a specific transaction—for example, the acquisition of a company or a large purchase of assets—which is done in a currency other than the functional currency. To a large extent, in addition to forwards, Teva uses the "cylinder" strategy (purchasing calls/puts on the U.S. dollar, usually together with writing put/call options on the U.S. dollar at a lower exchange rate). In order to reduce costs Teva also uses "knock-in" strategies together with writing put options. Teva usually limits the hedging transactions to three-month terms.

Teva has generally elected not to follow the designation and documentation processes required to qualify for the hedge accounting method under FAS 133, in light of the negligible effect that implementing such a method would have on Teva's results. The exception to this general rule is Teva's subsidiary in Hungary, where the method is partially implemented. Accordingly, exchange rate fluctuations impact each and every line item separately, including sales, cost-of-goods, SG&A and R&D, whereas the results of transactions to hedge the

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exposure relating to these line items are recorded under the financial expenses line item. Accordingly, financial expenses, which are a relatively small line item in absolute terms, may fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter. In addition, using the cylinder strategy may also have the same impact on the financial expenses line item.

The table below details the balance sheet exposure (i.e., the gap between current assets and current liabilities in a given currency), by currency and geography, as of December 31, 2008 (at fair value). All data in the table has been converted into U.S. dollar equivalents.

In U.S. dollars in millions:

	U.S. Dollar	Euro	British Pound	Canadian Dollar	New Israeli Shekel	Total
Israel		505	41	48	141	735
European Union	435	(13)	(8)			456
Canada	(127)					127
Hungary	579	285	13			877
England	(56)	(137)				193
Russia	(106)					106
Switzerland	42	37	4			83
Czech Republic	95	11				106
<b>Total exposure</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>2,683</b>

*Explanatory notes:*

1. Total exposure is the sum of the absolute value figures.
2. The amounts in the table reflect the exposure either as an excess of assets/(liabilities) in the respective currencies/geographies in accordance with the relevant functional currencies.
3. Most of functional currencies are the local currencies with the exception of Israel where Teva uses the U.S. dollar as the functional currency.

*Net exposure:*

	EUR/ USD	GBP/ USD	USD/ CAD	USD/ NIS	EUR/ GBP	USD/ CHF	USD/ RUB	USD/ CZK	GBP/ CHF	EUR/ CHF	EUR/ CZK	USD/ HUF	EUR/ HUF	GBP/ HUF
<b>Net exposure</b>	57	97	175	141	129	42	106	95	4	37	11	579	285	13

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The table below details (in millions) the hedging acquired in derivative instruments in order to limit the exposure to exchange rate fluctuations. The data is as of December 31, 2008 and is presented in U.S. dollar equivalents.

Currency	Cross Currency	Hedging Value		Fair Value		2008 Weighted Average Settlement Prices/Strike Prices
		2008	2007	2008	2007	
(U.S. dollars in millions)						
<b>Forward:</b>						
Euro	HUF	273	185.5	-25	0.5	244.16
GBP	HUF	16	58	1.5	3	306.27
USD	HUF	555	657	-51.5	26	174.58
GBP	USD	25	21	2	1	1.58
Euro	USD	0	36.5	0	0	NA
Canadian dollar	USD	81.5	70.5	2	0.5	1.19
NIS	USD	43	36.5	-1.5	-1.0	3.97
Swiss franc	EUR	0	35	0	0	NA
Swiss franc	USD	11	5.5	0	0	1.07
Swiss franc	GBP	3.5	31	0.5	1	1.76
Euro	GBP	0	54	0	1.5	NA
Russian ruble	USD	40.5	0	-2	0	31.65
Czech koruna	USD	0	20	0	0	NA
<b>Options:</b>						
NIS	USD	128	78.5	1	0.5	3.91
Canadian dollar	USD	222.5	115	6.5	1.5	1.23
Euro	USD	89	81	3	1	1.40
GBP	USD	104	0	5	0	1.51
Euro	GBP	113	73	12.5	2	0.86
Swiss franc	USD	30	0	0.5	0	1.06
Swiss franc	EUR	23	0	1	0	1.58
Swiss franc	GBP	7.5	0	1.5	0	1.84
Czech koruna	USD	88.5	89	1.5	1.5	18.44
Czech koruna	EUR	24	4	0	0	24.62
Russian ruble	USD	62	105	2	0	30.38
USD	HUF	19	148	0	6	157.52
Euro	HUF	28	13	0	0	235.16
GBP	HUF	0	26	0	1.5	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,987</b>	<b>1,943</b>	<b>-39.5</b>	<b>46.5</b>	

*Explanatory note:*

1. An option's value reflects its fair value disregarding the notional amount represented by such an option.

**Interest Rate Risk Management**

Teva has been raising funds through the use of various debt financial instruments, including convertible debentures and straight notes, both of which bear a fixed interest rate, and syndicated bank loans bearing floating interest rates. In some cases, as described below, Teva has swapped from a fixed interest rate to a floating interest rate, and vice versa, thereby enabling Teva to reduce overall interest expenses or to hedge risks associated with interest rate fluctuations.



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In connection with the Barr acquisition in December 2008, a subsidiary of Teva borrowed a total of \$1.75 billion from Bank Hapoalim and Bank Leumi .

These two loans, which bear an average floating interest rate of LIBOR plus 1.45%, are due November 2009.

In addition, Teva guaranteed Barr's syndicate loan and credit facilities loan. The syndicate loan had an outstanding principal balance of \$1.6 billion in December 31, 2008, bearing interest at LIBOR plus 1.5%. The company is obligated to pay back the loan in 10 consecutive quarterly installments of \$50 million, with the balance of \$1.1 billion due October 2011. The credit facilities had an outstanding principal balance of \$285 million at December 31, 2008, bearing interest at LIBOR plus 1.5%. The company is obligated to pay back the loan in 17 consecutive quarterly installments of \$7.5 million, with the balance of \$157.5 million due June 2013.

In connection with the Ivax acquisition in January 2006, Teva finance subsidiaries issued an aggregate of \$817.5 million of 1.75% Convertible Senior Debentures due 2026 and \$575 million of 0.25% Convertible Senior Debentures due 2026. The holders of the 0.25% Convertible Senior Debentures had a put option to redeem the notes in February 2008; however, practically all of the holders elected not to exercise the put option. The next date of exercising the put option by the holders of the notes is in February 2011, and they have the right to convert their debentures into shares at a rate of \$47.16 per share. The holders of the 1.75% Convertible Senior Debentures have a put option to redeem the notes in February 2011 and a right to convert the debentures into shares at a rate of \$51.26 per share.

In addition to the above convertible senior debentures, a Teva finance subsidiary issued an aggregate of \$1 billion of 6.15% Senior Notes due 2036 and \$500 million of 5.55% Senior Notes due 2016.

In September 2008, Teva extended the loan term of \$153 million out of the first tranche of its \$350 million multicurrency term loan facility, which was established in September 2005 with a syndicate of banks, until September 2010. This loan bears a floating interest rate. The syndicate participants comprise 21 banks based in Israel, Europe, the United States and China, each of which lent between \$10 million and \$25 million. The funds were used to finance working capital needs of several European subsidiaries of Teva.

In connection with the Sicor acquisition in January 2004, a Teva finance subsidiary issued an aggregate of \$460 million of 0.50% Series A Convertible Senior Debentures due 2024 and \$634.45 million of 0.25% Series B Convertible Senior Debentures due 2024. The holders of the Series A debentures had a put option in August 2008 to redeem the debentures into cash at their face value; however, practically all of the holders elected not to exercise the put option. The next date of exercising the put option by the holders of the notes is in February 2014. The holders of the Series B debentures have a put option in February 2010 to redeem the debentures at face value.

During 2008, the 0.375% Convertible Senior Debentures series was converted into Teva shares.

During 2008, Teva repaid all of the 4.5% Convertible Notes issued by Ivax and assumed by Teva following its acquisition of Ivax in 2006, in the amount of \$230 million. The notes were repaid 50% in cash and 50% in equity, in accordance with the terms agreed in the Ivax acquisition agreement.

In addition to the debentures, Teva's fixed interest-bearing debt also includes \$15 million of senior notes privately issued, as part of a debt issue totaling \$110 million, in 1998 to U.S. institutional investors. The notes are due in 2018 and have a fixed rate of 7.2% per annum.

The remaining debt consists of bank loans at floating interest rates. In currencies other than NIS, these borrowings are usually linked to the relevant LIBOR plus a spread of 0.2% - 1.5%. Part of Teva's Canadian subsidiary debt is at a floating rate based on the Canadian LIBOR +0.55%.

Teva's cash is invested primarily in the United States and Europe, in bank deposits and short term investments. The short term investments include mainly short term Treasury bills and Treasury-money-markets. These investments are highly liquid and total approximately \$438 million.

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As of December 31, 2008, \$450 million of cash balance were held in auction rate securities. Since then \$3 million were called at par, leaving a balance as of the February 12, 2009 of \$447 million. Based on a financial valuation model, we reduced the fair value of these securities by \$352 million. Accordingly the market value as of the December 31, 2008 of these securities is \$98 million.

Teva's liabilities, the interest range they bear and their repayment schedule by currencies as at December 31, 2008 are set forth in the table below in U.S. dollar equivalent terms.

Currency	Total Amount	Interest Rate			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 & thereafter
					(U.S. dollars in millions)					
<b>Fixed interest:</b>										
U.S. dollar										
Convertible debentures	2,458	0.25%	-	1.75%	575	619	814			450
Straight bonds	1,495	5.55%	-	7.2%						1,495
<b>Floating Rates:</b>										
U.S. dollar										
Euro	3,856	1.8%	-	2.92%	2,193	238	1,230	30	165	
British pound	399	3.66%	-	5.94%	119	265	3	3	7	2
Canadian dollar	78	4.59%	-	4.67%	1	73	1	1	*	2
Others**	142			2.7%	3		138			1
	15	3.8%	-	23%	15	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Total:</b>	<b>8,443</b>				<b>2,906</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>1,950</b>

\* Represents an amount of less than \$ 0.5 million.

\*\* Includes NIS, HUF, CZK and New Turkish Lira.

**ITEM 15: CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

(a) *Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* Teva's chief executive officer and chief financial officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of Teva's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)) as of the end of the period covered by this annual report, have concluded that, as of such date, Teva's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that the information required in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and such information is accumulated and communicated to its management, including its chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) *Report of Teva Management on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.* Teva's board of directors and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Teva's internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance to Teva's management and board of directors regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation and fair presentation of its published consolidated financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management has excluded Barr and Bentley from its assessment of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, because ownership was acquired by Teva during 2008. Barr represented approximately 33% of Teva's consolidated total assets as of the year ended December 31, 2008. Bentley represented approximately 1.0% of Teva's consolidated total assets and approximately 0.5% of Teva's consolidated net sales as of, and for the year ended, December 31, 2008.





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Teva's management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008. In making this assessment, it used the criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on such assessment, management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2008, Teva's internal control over financial reporting is effective based on those criteria.

Teva's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008 has been audited by Kesselman & Kesselman, an independent registered public accounting firm in Israel and a member of PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited ( PwC ), as stated in their report which is included under Item 18 on page F-2.

(c) *Attestation Report of the Registered Public Accounting Firm.* See report of PwC included under Item 18 on page F-2.

(d) *Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting.* There were no changes to Teva's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this annual report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, Teva's internal control over financial reporting.

### **ITEM 16: [RESERVED]**

#### **ITEM 16A: AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT**

Teva's board of directors has determined that Prof. Meir Heth, a member of its audit committee, is an audit committee financial expert, as defined by applicable SEC regulations, and is independent in accordance with applicable SEC and Nasdaq regulations.

#### **ITEM 16B: CODE OF ETHICS**

Teva has adopted a code of business conduct applicable to its executive officers, directors and all other employees. A copy of the code is available to every Teva employee on its intranet site, upon request to its human resources department, and to investors and others on Teva's website at <http://www.tevapharm.com> or by contacting Teva's investor relations department, legal department or the internal auditor. Any waivers of this code for executive officers or directors will be disclosed through the filing of a Form 6-K or Teva's website. As referred to above, the board of directors has approved a whistleblower policy which functions in coordination with Teva's code of business conduct and provides an anonymous means for employees and others to communicate with various bodies of Teva, including the audit committee of its board of directors. The Company has also implemented a training program for new and existing employees concerning the code of business conduct and whistleblower policy.

#### **ITEM 16C: PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES**

##### **Policy on Pre-Approval of Audit and Non-Audit Services of Independent Auditors**

Teva's audit committee is responsible for the oversight of its independent auditors' work. The audit committee's policy is to pre-approve all audit and non-audit services provided by PwC and other members of PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services, as further described below. The audit committee sets forth the basis for its pre-approval in detail, listing the particular services or categories of services which are pre-approved, and setting forth a specific budget for such services. Additional services may be pre-approved by the audit committee on an individual basis. Once services have been pre-approved, PwC and management then report to the audit committee on a periodic basis regarding the extent of services actually provided in accordance with the applicable pre-approval, and regarding the fees for the services performed. Such fees for 2008 and 2007 were pre-approved by the audit committee in accordance with these procedures.

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Teva paid the following fees for professional services rendered by PwC and other members of PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited, for the years ended December 31:

	2008	2007
	(U.S. \$ in thousands)	
Audit Fees	\$ 10,142	\$ 9,148
Audit-Related Fees	1,409	1,101
Tax Fees	7,613	5,981
All Other Fees	50	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,214</b>	<b>\$ 16,273</b>

The audit fees for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 were for professional services rendered for the integrated audit of Teva's annual consolidated financial statements and its internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, review of consolidated quarterly financial statements, statutory audits of Teva and its subsidiaries, issuance of comfort letters, consents and assistance with review of documents filed with the SEC.

The audit-related fees as of the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, were for assurance and related services related to due diligence related to mergers and acquisitions, accounting consultations and audits in connection with acquisitions, employee benefit plan audits, internal control reviews, attest services that are not required by statute or regulation and consultations concerning financial accounting and reporting standards.

Tax fees as of the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, were for services related to tax compliance, including the preparation of tax returns and claims for refund, and tax planning and tax advice, including assistance with tax audits and appeals, advice related to mergers and acquisitions, tax services for employee benefit plans and assistance with respect to requests for rulings from tax authorities.

All other fees for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 were for general guidance related to accounting issues and the purchase of accounting software and human resources benchmarking software.

**ITEM 16D: EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LISTING STANDARDS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEES NOT APPLICABLE**

**ITEM 16E: PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY THE ISSUER AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS**

During 2008, Teva did not repurchase any of its shares. As of December 31, 2008, the Company had \$211 million remaining available pursuant to its previous authorization to repurchase Teva shares/ADSs and convertible debentures of its finance subsidiaries.

**ITEM 16F: CHANGE IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT NOT APPLICABLE**

**ITEM 16G: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Except as otherwise indicated, Teva is in compliance with corporate governance standards as currently applicable to Teva under Israeli, U.S., SEC and Nasdaq laws and regulations. Nasdaq Rule 4350(f) requires that an issuer listed on the Nasdaq National Market have a quorum requirement for shareholders meetings of at least one-third of the outstanding shares of the company's common voting stock. However, our articles of association, consistent with the Israeli Companies Law and Israeli practice, provide that the quorum requirements for a meeting are

the presence of a minimum of two shareholders, present in person or by proxy or by their authorized persons, and who jointly hold twenty-five percent or more of the paid-up share capital of the Company.

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**PART III**

**ITEM 17: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 18: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The following financial statements are filed as part of this annual report on Form 20-F:

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**ITEM 19: EXHIBITS**

1.1	Memorandum of Association (1)(2)
1.2	Restated Articles of Association (1)(3)
1.3	Amended Articles of Association (1)(4)
2.1	Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement, dated January 11, 2008, among Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited, The Bank of New York, as depositary, and the holders from time to time of shares (5)
2.2	Form of American Depositary Receipt (5)
2.3	Indenture, dated as of January 27, 2004, by and among Teva Pharmaceutical Finance II, LLC, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (6)
2.4	First Supplemental Senior Indenture, dated as of January 27, 2004, by and among Teva Pharmaceutical Finance II, LLC, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (7)
2.5	Form of Global Debentures (included in Exhibit 2.4)
2.6	Senior Indenture, dated as of January 31, 2006, by and among Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Company LLC, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (8)
2.7	First Supplemental Senior Indenture, dated as of January 31, 2006, by and among Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Company LLC, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (8)
2.8	Second Supplemental Senior Indenture, dated as of January 31, 2006, by and among Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Company LLC, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (8)

