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## FORM 6-K

# **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Special Report of Foreign Issuer** 

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

For the Month of March, 2003

# Centerpulse Ltd.

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

Andreasstrasse 15 CH-8050 Zurich Switzerland

(Address of principal executive office)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

ý Form 40-F

Yes o No ý

(If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-

Centerpulse Ltd. is filing this Report on Form 6-K to furnish the media release regarding our first quarter financial results which was made public on May 9, 2003, and our first quarter report to our shareholders, which are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively. We are also furnishing the Certifications of the Company s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer with respect thereto, which are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.3 and 99.4, respectively.

Centerpulse Ltd. hereby incorporates this Report on Form 6-K by reference into the Registration Statements on Form S-8 Nos. 333-8300, 333-76280, 333-76282, 333-103944, 333-103945 and 333-103946.

- 99.1 Media Release, dated May 9, 2003, announcing the first quarter earnings of Centerpulse Ltd.
- 99.2 First Quarter 2003 Interim Report of Centerpulse Ltd.
- 99.3 Certification of Chief Executive Officer, Max Link
- 99.4 Certification of Chief Financial Officer, Urs Kamber

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

#### CENTERPULSE LTD.

By: /s/ David S. Wise

David S. Wise

Authorized Representative

Date: May 14, 2003

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