

CENTERPULSE LTD  
Form 6-K  
March 31, 2003

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 6-K

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)

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Centerpulse Ltd. ("Centerpulse"), is filing this Report on Form 6-K to furnish its amended Articles of Association dated March 19, 2003, which adjusted the amount of Centerpulse's conditional capital to reflect the number of options exercised in 2002 under Centerpulse stock option plans.

Centerpulse hereby incorporates this Report on Form 6-K by reference into the Registration Statements on Form S-8, No. 33-8300, No. 333-76280, No. 333-76282, No. 333-85388, No. 333-103944, No. 333-103945, and No. 333-103946.

99.1 Articles of Association dated March 19, 2003

**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: March 31, 2003**

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Description

99.1 Articles of Association dated March 19, 2003