

CENTERPULSE LTD  
Form 6-K  
July 17, 2003

## **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 July, 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

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(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.)

Yes

No

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

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Centerpulse Ltd. ( Centerpulse ) is filing this Report on Form 6-K to furnish the media release, letter to shareholders and Report of the Board of Directors of Centerpulse regarding the takeover offer made by Zimmer Holdings, Inc. for Centerpulse on June 19, 2003. The media release, letter to shareholders and Board report are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1, 99.2, and 99.3, respectively.

Centerpulse hereby incorporates this Report on Form 6-K by reference into the Registration Statements on Form S-8, Nos. 33-8300, 333-76280, 333-76282, 333-103944, 333-103945 and 333-103946.

- 99.1 Media Release dated July 9, 2003
- 99.2 Letter to Shareholders dated July 9, 2003
- 99.3 Report of the Board of Directors of Centerpulse dated July 8, 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: July 16, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

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