

CENTERPULSE LTD  
Form 6-K  
August 19, 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 August, 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.)

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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 announcing the Board of Director s recommendation of the tender offer for Centerpulse made by Zimmer Holdings, Inc., contingent upon Zimmer s shareholders approving the issuance of new shares to be used as partial consideration for the transaction. The media release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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 August 15, 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 authorized.

**CENTERPULSE LTD.**

By: /s/ David S. Wise

**David S. Wise**

Authorized Representative

Date: August 18, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Media Release dated August 15, 2003