

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

For the month of December 2005

Commission File Number 0-16174

TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

5 Basel Street, P.O. Box 3190

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**TEVA ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING OUTSTANDING
IVAX CONVERTIBLE NOTES**

Jerusalem, Israel, December 6, 2005 – Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (Nasdaq: TEVA) issued the following statement regarding the outstanding 1.5% Convertible Senior Notes due 2025 of Ivax Corporation, in connection with Teva's pending acquisition of Ivax.

Although it has not made a final decision, and will not do so until following the closing of the acquisition in accordance with the terms of the applicable indenture, Teva does not expect to elect the "public acquirer fundamental change" option with respect to such Notes. This preliminary expectation is subject to change if the trading prices and market conditions differ at the time Teva makes its decision. As previously announced by Ivax, these Notes are now convertible at the option of the holders, as Ivax has waived the contingent conversion triggers.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., headquartered in Israel, is among the top 20 pharmaceutical companies and among the largest generic pharmaceutical companies in the world. The company develops, manufactures and markets generic and innovative human pharmaceuticals and active pharmaceutical ingredients. Close to 90% of Teva's sales are in North America and Europe.

Safe Harbor Statement under the U. S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: This release contains forward-looking statements, which express the current beliefs and expectations of management. Such statements are based on management's current beliefs and expectations and involve a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause Teva's future results, performance or achievements to differ significantly from the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include the trading prices of the Teva and Ivax shares and other market conditions, whether and when the proposed acquisition of IVAX Corporation will be consummated and the terms of any conditions imposed in connection with such closing, the terms and conditions of the financing utilized by Teva for the IVAX acquisition, Teva's ability to rapidly integrate IVAX's operations and achieve expected synergies, Teva's ability to successfully develop and commercialize additional pharmaceutical products, the introduction of competitive generic products, the impact of competition from brand-name companies that sell or license their own generic products under generic trade dress and at generic prices (so called "authorized generics") or seek to delay the introduction of generic products, regulatory changes that may prevent Teva from exploiting exclusivity periods, potential liability for sales of generic products prior to a final court decision, including that relating to the generic versions of Neurontin® and Allegra®, the effects of competition on Copaxone® sales, the impact of pharmaceutical industry regulation and pending legislation that could affect the pharmaceutical industry, the difficulty of predicting U.S. Food and Drug Administration, European Medicines Association and other regulatory authority approvals, the regulatory environment and changes in the health policies and structure of various countries, Teva's ability to successfully identify, consummate and integrate acquisitions, exposure to product liability claims, dependence on patent and other protections for innovative products, significant operations outside the United States that may be adversely affected by terrorism or major hostilities, fluctuations in currency, exchange and interest rates, operating results and other factors that are discussed in Teva's Annual Report on Form 20-F and its other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made and the Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.



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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 authorized.

TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Dan Suesskind
Name: Dan Suesskind
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 6, 2005