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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

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, 2007

Commission File Number 000-22286

Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

14 Hakitor Street, Haifa Bay 26110, Israel
(Address of principal executive office)

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Taro Provides Preliminary 2007
Interim Results and Updates Status of 2006 Financial Statements

HAWTHORNE, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 6, 2007--Taro
Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. ("Taro," the "Company," Pink Sheets:
TAROF) today provided information for the year ended December 31, 2006
and for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, and provided an
update on the Company's progress in completing its financial
statements for the year ended December 31, 2006.

In providing this information, the Company cautioned that the
financial information is both unaudited and subject to further review
and possible change. Additionally, these results do not provide
complete financial information and the 2006 results are subject to
audit by the Company's outside auditors. The 2007 results have not
been and will not be subject to quarterly review procedures. However,
subject to the foregoing caveats, the Company believes that the
information below represents the best information currently available

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to Taro management.

Taro also stated that it presently expects to schedule a shareholder meeting to vote on a proposed merger with Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. ("Sun") during the first quarter of 2008. The Company had previously stated that it hoped to hold the meeting before the end of November 2007.

2007 Nine Months Financial Performance

The Company and its Board believe it is important to provide its shareholders with the best financial information currently available for 2007 and to update its shareholders regarding the financial results of the Company, even though the information is, as stated above, unaudited and subject to further review and change.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2007, Taro estimates net sales of approximately \$232 million, gross profit of approximately \$126 million, or 54% of sales, and net income of approximately \$14 million. The Company noted that in the nine months ended September 30, 2007, there are approximately \$10 million of one-time charges and non-recurring expenses, including significantly higher professional fees due to a restatement of 2003 and 2004 results, a related investigation and the proposed transaction with Sun.

In May 2007, Sun made an equity investment of approximately \$41 million to help the Company avoid an impending payment default on certain of its debt obligations. In August 2007, Sun provided \$18 million more to the Company through the exercise of warrants. Thus, since May 2007, Sun has made equity investments in Taro totaling approximately \$59 million. As of September 30, 2007, Taro had \$50 million in cash or cash equivalents, after making normally scheduled and required principal debt payments of approximately \$30 million since December 2006 and sustaining a number of one time expenses. For the remainder of the year, the Company expects to make additional principal and interest payments of approximately \$10 million. For 2008, Taro is due to make principal and interest payments totaling \$42 million. In addition, the Company notes that it has a separate \$28 million credit facility due in late 2008, which it expects to be able to refinance. As of September 30, 2007, the Company's total debt was approximately \$224 million. The Company believes, in the ordinary course, that it should have sufficient liquidity to meet its cash requirements for the foreseeable future, subject to the continuing support of its lenders. The Company continues to be out of compliance with certain of its debt instruments and continues to discuss the situation with its lenders.

Status of 2006 Financial Statements

Taro stated that the completion of its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006 has been delayed because the Company is reviewing the adequacy of estimates for accruals recorded in 2005 and prior years for sales returns, chargebacks, rebates and administrative fees. This review is still in progress, and the eventual outcome cannot be predicted with any certainty at this time. Taro stated that on the basis of present information, changes in the estimates for those years, if made, may be material. However, the Company does not expect that any such changes would affect the results for 2006 and prior years, when taken in the aggregate. Furthermore if any such changes were to be made, they would likely reduce the amount of the loss in 2006 as presented herein. The Company added that it believes such changes would not impact the results for 2007.

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Taro emphasized that its review of accruals described above has not yet been completed, and would be subject to audit by its outside auditors. The Company stated that, as a result of this review, it believes it may be several months before it is in a position to issue its 2006 audited financial statements.

2006 Financial Performance

Taro noted that in light of this delay in completing the financial statements for 2006, the Company wanted to provide the best information currently available to update its shareholders regarding the financial results of the Company, even though the information is unaudited and subject to further review and change.

Taro currently estimates its net sales to be approximately \$184 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, resulting in a net loss for the year of approximately \$141 million. These results differ from prior estimates made by the Company primarily due to increased amounts of asset impairments. Taro currently estimates its non-cash asset impairments will total approximately \$38 million during 2006. In June 2007, the Company previously had estimated 2006 net sales in the range of \$180 to \$200 million and a net loss in the range of \$95 to \$120 million. When it originally provided these estimates, the Company noted that the estimates were subject to change. The magnitude of the 2006 loss resulted from a number of factors, including:

- A decrease in sales after the Company received official reports from wholesaler customers quantifying their inventories. The Company eliminated promotions to and reduced sales to those customers with the goal of reducing their inventory levels. As a result, official reports from the wholesaler customers reveal that inventory of Taro generic drugs at wholesaler customers was reduced significantly during 2006.
- Price erosion on products such as warfarin sodium tablets and the Company's clobetasol propionate and clotrimazole-betamethasone dipropionate topical product lines, as well as other generic products, accounted for a substantial decrease in sales.
- New product introductions in 2006 did not begin to offset the price erosion on base product sales until late in the fourth quarter of 2006.
- One time legal and accounting charges associated with the 2003 and 2004 restatement and an independent investigation in 2006.
- Certain non-cash impairment of assets, including the Company's facility in Ireland.

In addition, the Company noted that it has received final approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") for several new products, including Ciclopirox Topical Solution (8%), Grape Flavor Loratadine Syrup (5mg/5mL), Terbinafine HCl cream (1%), Oxcarbazepine Tablets (150mg, 300mg, and 600mg), Ondansetron Oral Solution USP (4mg/5mL), and tentative approval for prescription Cetirizine HCl Syrup (5mg/5mL). Taro currently has 24 filings at the FDA, consisting of 23 Abbreviated New Drug Applications related to 16 chemical entities, and a New Drug Application for which the Company has received an approvable letter.

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SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT

Certain statements in this release are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements that do not describe historical facts and statements that refer or relate to events or circumstances the Company "estimates," "believes," or "expects" to happen, "should" happen, or similar language, and statements with respect to the availability of financial information, completion of the 2006 audit, estimates of financial results and financial information for 2003-2007, review of results for prior years, estimates of expenses and one-time charges, and the shareholders meeting on the transaction with Sun described in this press release. Although Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. believes the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements to be based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurances that its expectations will be attained. Factors that could cause actual results to differ include the possible unavailability of financial information, completion of the audit of 2006, inability to conduct a shareholders meeting on the transaction with Sun, actions of the Company's lenders, creditors and Sun, general domestic and international economic conditions, industry and market conditions, changes in the Company's financial position, litigation brought by any party in any court in Israel, the United States, or any country in which Taro or Sun operates, litigation, regulatory actions and legislative actions in the countries in which Taro or Sun operates, and other risks detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports, including its Annual Reports on Form 20-F. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made. The Company undertakes no obligations to update, change or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, additional or subsequent developments or otherwise.

TARO PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD. SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF LOSS (US dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Unaudited and Unreviewed
	Year Ended December 31 2006

SALES	184,122
Cost of Sales	141,938

Gross Profit	42,184
Operating Expenses:	
Selling and Administrative (Note 1)	134,922

Operating Loss before Research and Development	(92,738)
Research and Development	36,220

Operating Loss	(128,958)
Financial Expenses	13,404

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	(142,362)
Tax Benefit on Loss	(1,640)

NET LOSS	(140,722)
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Basic and Diluted Loss per Ordinary Share	(4.80)
Weighted average number of shares-	
Basic EPS	29,315,224
Diluted EPS	29,501,777

Note 1: Includes charges for asset impairment in the amount of \$38 million.

TARO PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD. SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (US dollars in thousands)

	Unaudited and Unreviewed	Unaudited and Unreviewed
	September 30	December 31
	2007	2006
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Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	50,097	16,911
Restricted Short-term Bank Deposits	41	152
Accounts Receivable - Trade	65,369	43,687
Accounts Receivable - Other and Prepaid Expenses	15,309	15,284
Inventories	62,632	60,017
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Total Current Assets	193,448	136,051
Long term Investments	26,967	23,390
Property, Plant and Equipment, net	216,570	226,980
Other Assets	49,466	52,467
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TOTAL ASSETS	486,451	438,888
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Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity

Current Liabilities:		
Short-Term Bank Credits	105,293	110,576
Current Maturities of Long-Term Liabilities	22,357	26,339
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	73,290	87,702
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Total Current Liabilities	200,940	224,617

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Long-Term Liabilities	96,099	108,383
Deferred Taxes and Other Liabilities	7,427	7,517
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Total Liabilities	304,466	340,517
Shareholders' Equity (Note 1)	181,985	98,371
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	486,451	438,888
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Note 1: Shareholders' equity is net of \$2.4 million of fees associated with Sun's equity investment in Taro.

TARO PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD. SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME (US dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Unaudited and Unreviewed
	Nine Months Ended 2007

SALES	231,800
Cost of Sales	105,998

Gross Profit	125,802
Operating Expenses:	
Selling and Administrative (Note 1)	72,450

Operating Income before Research and Development	53,352
Research and Development	20,605

Operating Income	32,747
Financial Expenses	18,800
Other Income - Net (Note 2)	4,520

	18,467
Taxes on Income	4,229

NET INCOME	14,238
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Basic and Diluted Earnings per Ordinary Share	0.43
Weighted average number of shares-	
Basic EPS	33,215,730

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Diluted EPS

33,306,038

Note 1: Includes approximately \$10 million of one-time charges and non-recurring expenses, including professional fees related to the Company's investigations and its proposed transaction with Sun Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

Note 2: Includes a one-time gain of approximately \$4 million resulting from the sale of a car park in Ireland.

TARO PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD. SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS (US dollars in thousands)

	Unaudited and Unreviewed Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007
Operating Activities:	
Net income	14,238
Adjustments required to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	19,933
Stock based compensation	203
Gain on sales of property, plant and equipment	(3,586)
Increase in fair value of derivative instruments	(3,421)
Increase in long-term debt due to currency fluctuations	4,899
Amortization of deferred revenue	(4,420)
Increase in trade receivables	(21,131)
Increase in other receivables and prepaid tax	(477)
Decrease in deferred tax asset	1,108
Decrease in inventories	77
Foreign exchange effect on intercompany balances	5,937
Decrease in trade and other payables and accruals	(12,590)
Net cash provided by operating activities	770
Investing Activities:	
Purchase of property plant & equipment, net of related grants	(3,794)
Investment in other intangible assets	(296)
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	114
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	9,916
Net cash provided by investing activities	5,940

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Financing Activities:

Proceeds from issuance of shares, net	56,289
Repayments of long-term debt	(23,682)
Repayments of short-term bank debt, net	(6,377)

Net cash provided by financing activities	26,230
Effect of exchange rate changes	246

Net increase in cash	33,186
Cash at beginning of period	16,911

Cash at end of period	50,097
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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.

Date: December 6, 2007

TARO PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD.

By: /s/ Tal Levitt

Name: Tal Levitt

Title: Director and Secretary