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For Immediate Release

TEVA AND BARR PROVIDE UPDATE ON ACQUISITION

- ***Barr Announces Debt Amendment***
- ***Teva Announces Sufficient Funds to Complete Acquisition***

Jerusalem, Israel and Montvale, NJ, October 27, 2008 – Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (NASDAQ: TEVA) and Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NYSE: BRL) announced today that Barr and its syndicate of lending banks, arranged by Bank of America, have agreed to amend Barr's unsecured credit facilities to permit them to remain in place following Barr's acquisition by Teva.

"We are pleased that we have successfully negotiated with Barr's lenders to maintain these credit facilities, post-closing, under terms and conditions that meet our requirements," said **Eyal Desheh, Teva's Chief Financial Officer**. "The combination of the amended Barr credit facilities, Teva's available cash on hand and our committed bridge financing will provide us with sufficient funds to complete the acquisition of Barr as well as support the continued growth of our business."

The amendments to the credit facilities waive the lenders' right to call Barr's debt upon the change in control in connection with the acquisition by Teva, thereby allowing Barr's outstanding obligations under the credit facilities to remain in place following the closing of the acquisition. The facilities have outstanding balances of approximately \$1.65 billion and \$292 million that mature in October 2011 and June 2013, respectively. An additional revolving credit facility of \$300 million is unutilized. As part of the amendments, effective upon closing, Teva will guarantee the obligations of the borrowers under the facilities.

"We appreciate the support our bank group has provided Barr over the years and view their willingness to agree to this amendment as further evidence of the strength of this combination," said **Bill McKee, EVP and CFO of Barr**.

Teva expects the acquisition to close by late 2008.

About Teva

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., headquartered in Israel, is among the top 20 pharmaceutical companies in the world and is the leading generic pharmaceutical company. The company develops, manufactures and markets generic and innovative pharmaceuticals and active pharmaceutical ingredients. Over 80 percent of Teva's sales are in North America and Western Europe.

About Barr

Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a global specialty pharmaceutical company that operates in more than 30 countries worldwide and is engaged in the development, manufacture and marketing of generic and proprietary pharmaceuticals, biopharmaceuticals and active pharmaceutical ingredients. A holding company, Barr operates through its principal subsidiaries: Barr Laboratories, Inc., Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and PLIVA d.d. and its subsidiaries. The Barr Group of companies markets more than 120 generic and 27 proprietary products in the U.S. and approximately 1,025 products globally outside of the U.S. For more information, visit www.barrlabs.com.

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our innovative R&D efforts, Teva's ability to successfully identify, consummate and integrate acquisitions (including the pending acquisition of Bentley Pharmaceuticals, Inc.), potential exposure to product liability claims to the extent not covered by insurance, dependence on the effectiveness of our patents and other protections for innovative products, significant operations worldwide that may be adversely affected by terrorism, political or economical instability or major hostilities, supply interruptions or delays that could result from the complex manufacturing of our products and our global supply chain, environmental risks, fluctuations in currency, exchange and interest rates, and other factors that are discussed in Teva's Annual Report on Form 20-F, Barr's Annual Report on Form 10-K and their 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 neither Teva nor Ivax 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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טבע תעשיות פרמצבטיות בע"מ

27 באוקטובר, 2008

טבע ו-Barr מעדכנות לגבי רכישת Barr

טבע מודיעה כי השלימה את היערכותה למימון רכישת Barr

טבע ו-Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc. הודיעו היום כי Barr וקבוצת הבנקים, אשר אורגנה על ידי Bank of America, הסכימו לשנות את הסכמי האשראי של Barr. על פי ההסכמים החדשים, קווי האשראי של Barr יישארו בתוקף לאחר השלמת רכישתה על ידי טבע.

"אנחנו מרוצים מהסיום המוצלח של המשא ומתן עם הבנקים על שינוי הסכמי האשראי של Barr", אמר **איל דשא, ה-CFO של טבע**. "קווי האשראי של Barr, יחד עם המזומן של טבע, וההתחייבויות שקבלנו מהבנקים להלוואות גישור, משלימים את המימון הנדרש לנו לרכישת Barr, כמו גם מאפשרים את המשך צמיחתה של טבע".

השינויים בהסכמי האשראי כוללים ויתור של קבוצת הבנקים על זכותה לדרוש את תשלום החוב של Barr במקרה של שינוי בבעלות החברה כתוצאה מרכישתה על ידי טבע. לקווי האשראי של Barr יתרות של 1.65 מיליארד דולר ו-292 מיליון דולר, אשר מועד פירעונם באוקטובר 2011 ויוני 2013, בהתאמה. בנוסף, קיים קו אשראי (revolving credit facility), לא מנוצל, של 300 מיליון דולר. כחלק מהשינויים הוסכם כי, עם השלמת הרכישה, תערוב טבע להתחייבויות של Barr במסגרת הסכמי האשראי.

"אנחנו מעריכים את התמיכה שקבוצת הבנקים העניקה ל-Barr לאורך השנים, ורואים את נכונותה לשנות את הסכמי האשראי כעדות נוספת לאיתנות הפיננסית של החברה המאוחדת", אמר **ביל מק'קיי, ה-CFO של Barr**.

טבע מצפה להשלים את הרכישה עד סוף 2008.

אודות טבע

טבע תעשיות פרמצבטיות בע"מ הינה חברה גלובלית שבסיסה בישראל, אחת מ-20 חברות הפרמצבטיקה המובילות בעולם והחברה הגנרית המובילה. טבע מתמחה בפיתוח, ייצור ושיווק תרופות גנריות וייחודיות, חומרים פעילים לתעשייה הפרמצבטית. קרוב ל-80% ממכירות הקבוצה מרוכזות בצפון אמריקה ובאירופה.

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