

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## SCHEDULE TO

Tender Offer Statement Under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 18)

**TARO PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD.**

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

**ALKALOIDA CHEMICAL COMPANY EXCLUSIVE GROUP LTD.**

(Name of Filing Person (Offeror))

**a subsidiary of**

**SUN PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD.**

**ORDINARY SHARES, NOMINAL (PAR) VALUE NIS 0.0001 PER SHARE**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**M8737E108**

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Mr. Harin P. Mehta

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## CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation*	Amount of Filing Fee**
\$194,554,682.50	\$7,646.00

\* Estimated for purposes of calculating the amount of the filing fee only. Calculated by multiplying \$7.75, the per share tender offer price, by 25,103,830 shares.

\*\* Calculated as 0.00393% of the transaction value.

R Check the box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

Amount Previously Paid: \$7,800.00

Filing Party: Alkaloida Chemical Company Exclusive Group Ltd.

Form or Registration No.: Schedule TO

Date Filed: June 30, 2008

£ Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

Check the appropriate boxes to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

R third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

£ issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

£ going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

£ amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer: £

This Amendment No. 17 (this “Amendment”) amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed on June 30, 2008, as amended by Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2, Amendment No. 3, Amendment No. 4, Amendment No. 5, Amendment No. 6, Amendment No. 7, Amendment No. 8, Amendment No. 9, Amendment No. 10, Amendment No. 11, Amendment No. 12, Amendment No. 13, Amendment No. 14, Amendment No. 15, Amendment No. 16 and Amendment No. 17 (as so amended, the “Schedule TO”) by Alkaloida Chemical Company Exclusive Group Ltd. (“Purchaser”), a Hungarian company and a subsidiary of Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (“Sun”), an Indian company. This Schedule TO relates to the offer by Purchaser to purchase all outstanding Ordinary Shares, nominal (par) value NIS 0.0001 per share, of Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (the “Company”), an Israeli corporation, at a purchase price of \$7.75 per Ordinary Share, net to the seller in cash (subject to applicable withholding taxes), without interest, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated June 30, 2008 and in the related Letter of Transmittal. Except as specifically provided herein, this Amendment does not modify any of the information previously reported on the Schedule TO.

**Item 4. Terms of the Transaction.**

Item 4 of Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

Section 1 of the Offer to Purchase entitled “Terms of the Offer; Expiration Date” is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

The following paragraph is hereby added to the end of the eleventh paragraph of Section 1 of the Offer to Purchase:

“Sun announced that Purchaser had extended the Expiration Date of the Offer to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Friday, April 3, 2009. If the Temporary Order remains in effect on April 3, 2009, Sun expects to further extend the Offer while the Temporary Order remains outstanding. The Offer had previously been scheduled to expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Friday, March 20, 2009. As of 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on March 19, 2009, 31,428 Ordinary Shares had been tendered and not withdrawn from the Offer.”

The press release issued by Sun announcing that Purchaser had extended the Offer is attached hereto as Exhibit (a)(5)(Q).

**Item 12. Exhibits.**

Item 12 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and restated as follows:

(a)(1)(A) Offer to Purchase dated June 30, 2008.\*

(a)(1)(B) Form of Letter of Transmittal.\*

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- (a)(1)(C) Form of Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.\*
- (a)(1)(D) Form of Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.\*
- (a)(1)(E) Form of Letter to Clients for use by Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.\*
- (a)(1)(F) Guidelines for Certification of Taxpayer Identification Number on Substitute Form W-9.\*
- (a)(1)(G) Declaration Form (“Declaration of Status for Israeli Income Tax Purposes”).\*
- (a)(5)(A) Summary Advertisement as published in *The Wall Street Journal* on June 30, 2008.\*
- (a)(5)(B) Text of Press Release issued by Sun on June 25, 2008, incorporated by reference to the Statement on Schedule 13D (including exhibits), originally filed by Sun, Sun Pharma Global Inc. and Purchaser, with respect to the Ordinary Shares, par value NIS 0.0001 per share of the Company, with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Original Schedule 13D”); the Amendment No. 1 to the Original Schedule 13D, filed on July 25, 2007 (the “Amendment No. 1”); the Amendment No. 2 to the Original Schedule 13D, filed on August 2, 2007 (the “Amendment No. 2”); the Amendment No. 3 to the Original Schedule 13D, filed on February 19, 2008 (the “Amendment No. 3”); the Amendment No. 4 to the Original Schedule 13D, filed on May 29, 2008 (the “Amendment No. 4”); the Amendment No. 5 to the Original Schedule 13D, filed on June 5, 2008 (the “Amendment No. 5”); the Amendment No. 6 to the Original Schedule 13D, filed on June 24, 2008; the Amendment No. 7 to the Original Schedule 13D, filed on June 25, 2008 (the “Amendment No. 7”, together with the Original Schedule 13D, the Amendment No. 1, the Amendment No. 2, the Amendment No. 3, the Amendment No. 4, the Amendment No. 5 and the Amendment No. 6, the “Schedule 13D”) and by reference to Statement on Schedule TO filed by Purchaser on June 25, 2008.\*
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- (b) Not applicable.
- (d)(A) Agreement of Merger, dated as of May 18, 2007, among Purchaser, Aditya Acquisition Company Ltd. and the Company, incorporated by reference to the Schedule 13D.\*
- (d)(B) Amendment No. 1 to Agreement of Merger, dated as of July 23, 2007, among Purchaser, Aditya Acquisition Company Ltd. and the Company, incorporated by reference to the Schedule 13D.\*
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- (g) Not applicable.
- (h) Not applicable.

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 20, 2009

ALKALOIDA CHEMICAL COMPANY EXCLUSIVE GROUP  
LTD

By: /s/ Harin Mehta

Name: Mr. Harin Mehta

Title: Director

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Dated: March 20, 2009

SUN PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD.

By: /s/ Sudhir V. Valia  
Name: Mr. Sudhir V. Valia  
Title: Director

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**For Immediate Release**

### **Sun Pharmaceutical Extends Tender Offer for Taro**

Mumbai, India: March 20, 2009: Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (Reuters: SUN.BO, Bloomberg: SUNP IN, NSE: SUN PHARMA, BSE: 524715) today announced its subsidiary, Alkaloida Chemical Company Exclusive Group Ltd. (Alkaloida), has extended the Expiration Date of the Tender Offer for the purchase of all outstanding Ordinary Shares of Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (Taro). The Offer will now expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Friday, April 3, 2009, unless further extended or earlier terminated. The Tender Offer was extended to comply with a continuing order issued by the Supreme Court of Israel temporarily prohibiting the closing of the Offer until the Supreme Court issues a decision on the appeal of the litigation commenced against Alkaloida and its affiliates by Taro and certain of its directors regarding the applicability of the special tender offer rules under the Israeli Companies Law to the Offer. The Tel-Aviv District Court had previously ruled in favor of Sun that a special tender offer was not required.

The mediation process between the parties to the litigation and the Levitt and Moros families, entered into at the recommendation of the Supreme Court, is ongoing. If the temporary order remains in effect on April 3, 2009, Sun expects to extend the Offer while the temporary order remains outstanding.

The Offer was commenced on June 30, 2008 in order to comply with the terms of the Option Agreement between Alkaloida and the controlling shareholders of Taro. Alkaloida exercised its options to acquire shares of Taro from the controlling shareholders on June 25, 2008. The Option Agreement required Alkaloida, promptly after exercising the options, to commence a tender offer at USD 7.75 per Ordinary Share of Taro held by other shareholders. The Offer had previously been scheduled to expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Friday, March 20, 2009. As of 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on March 19, 2009, 31,428 Ordinary Shares had been tendered and not withdrawn from the Offer.

The complete terms and conditions of the Tender Offer are set out in the Offer to Purchase, which is filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Taro shareholders may obtain copies of all of the offering documents, including the Offer to Purchase, free of charge at the SEC's website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) or by directing a request to MacKenzie Partners, Inc., the Information Agent for the offer, at 105 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016, (212) 929-5500 (Call Collect) or Call Toll-Free (800) 322-2885, Email: [tenderoffer@mackenziepartners.com](mailto:tenderoffer@mackenziepartners.com).

Greenhill & Co., LLC is acting as the Dealer Manager for the Tender Offer and MacKenzie is acting as the Information Agent for the Tender Offer.

#### **About Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.**

Established in 1983, listed since 1994 and headquartered in India, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (Reuters: SUN.BO, Bloomberg: SUNP IN, NSE: SUNPHARMA, BSE: 524715) is an international, integrated, speciality pharmaceutical company. It manufactures and markets a large basket of pharmaceutical formulations as branded generics as well as generics in India, U.S. and several other markets across the world. In India, the company is a leader in niche therapy areas of psychiatry, neurology, cardiology, diabetology, gastroenterology, and orthopedics. The company has strong skills in product development, process chemistry, and manufacturing of complex API, as well as dosage forms. More information about the company can be found at [www.sunpharma.com](http://www.sunpharma.com).

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