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CENTERPULSE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES RIGHTS ISSUE

ZURICH, OCTOBER 10, 2002 - CENTERPULSE HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ITS RIGHTS ISSUE AND HAS RAISED GROSS PROCEEDS OF APPROXIMATELY CHF 255 MILLION. AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE SUBSCRIPTION PERIOD, 1.82 MILLION NEW SHARES WERE TAKEN UP BY SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTORS AND CENTERPULSE'S MAJOR SHAREHOLDER, INCENTIVE CAPITAL.

Under the 11:2 rights issue, which was fully underwritten by InCentive Capital and UBS AG, Centerpulse has issued 1.82 million new shares which will be admitted for trading on the SWX Swiss Exchange as from October 10, 2002. Approximately 99% of the rights were exercised by new investors and existing shareholders, including InCentive Capital, which exercised all of its rights. The remaining 1% of the shares were purchased by InCentive Capital. Issued at CHF 140 per share, Centerpulse has thus raised approximately CHF 255 million in gross proceeds of new equity which will be used to fund part of Centerpulse's payment obligations under the U.S. settlement agreement.

Given the successful completion of the rights issue, together with the arrangement of the senior credit facility of up to USD 635 million, Centerpulse is confident to be able to fully fund the U.S. class action settlement by November 4, 2002.

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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.

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By: /s/ David Wise

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