

Gentium S.p.A.
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14D-9

Solicitation/Recommendation Statement under Section 14(d)(4)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 8)

GENTIUM S.P.A.

(Name of Subject Company)

GENTIUM S.P.A.

(Names of Persons Filing Statement)

Ordinary Shares, no par value

American Depositary Shares, each representing one Ordinary Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

37250B922 (Ordinary Shares, which are not traded on U.S. markets)
37250B104 (American Depositary Shares)
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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This Amendment No. 8 (this "Amendment") amends and supplements the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9, originally filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on December 24, 2013, as amended by those certain Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2, Amendment No. 3, Amendment No. 4, Amendment No. 5, Amendment No. 6, and Amendment No. 7 filed with the SEC on January 10, 2014, January 17, 2014, January 22, 2014, January 23, 2014, January 24, 2014, January 31, 2014, and February 7, 2014, respectively (as amended, the "Statement"), by Gentium S.p.A., a società per azioni organized under the laws of the Republic of Italy (the "Company"). The Statement relates to a tender offer by Jazz Pharmaceuticals Italy S.p.A. (formerly known as Jazz Pharmaceuticals Italy S.r.l.) ("Purchaser"), a società per azioni organized under the laws of the Republic of Italy and a wholly owned subsidiary of Jazz Pharmaceuticals Public Limited Company, a public limited company formed under the laws of Ireland ("Parent"), to purchase all of the outstanding ordinary shares, no par value, of the Company (the "Common Stock"), and the American Depositary Shares, each representing one share of Common Stock (the "ADSs" and, together with the Common Stock, the "Company Shares") at a purchase price of \$57.00 per Company Share (without duplication for shares of Common Stock underlying ADSs), net to the seller in cash, without interest thereon and less any required withholding taxes, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated December 23, 2013 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Offer to Purchase"), and in the related Share Form of Acceptance (the "Share Form of Acceptance") and the ADS Letter of Transmittal (together with the Offer to Purchase and the Share Form of Acceptance, each as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, collectively constitute the "Offer") contained in the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, dated December 23, 2013 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Schedule TO") filed by Parent and Purchaser with the SEC on December 23, 2013.

Except as otherwise set forth below, the information set forth in the Statement remains unchanged and is incorporated by reference as relevant to the items in this Amendment. Capitalized terms used and not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Statement.

ITEM 3. PAST CONTACTS, TRANSACTIONS, NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS.

Item 3 is hereby amended by adding the following at the end of the heading titled "Effect of the Offer on Company Options" on page 9 of the Statement:

"All outstanding and unvested Company Options became fully vested and exercisable on January 23, 2014 in connection with the occurrence of the Acceptance Time. As of February 17, 2014, all Company Options held by the directors and executive officers of the Company prior to the Acceptance Time have been exercised and all Company Shares issued upon such exercise have been subsequently tendered pursuant to the Offer, as extended by the Subsequent Offering Period, and accepted for purchase and purchased by Purchaser at the Offer Price."

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

GENTIUM S.P.A.

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| By: | /s/ Salvatore Calabrese |
| Name: | Salvatore Calabrese |
| Title: | Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer |

Dated: February 18, 2014