

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC
Form 6-K
October 27, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of
1934**

October 26, 2009

Commission File Number 001-14978

SMITH & NEPHEW plc
(Registrant's name)

15 Adam Street
London, England WC2N 6LA
(Address of registrant's principal executive offices)

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Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2 (b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.]

Yes No X
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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.

Smith & Nephew Plc
(Registrant)

Date: October 26, 2009

By: /s/ Susan Henderson

Susan Henderson
Company Secretary

RIS Announcement -Award purchase

**Smith & Nephew Plc ("the Company")
Employee Share Plans - Announcement of transaction
in American Depository Shares (ADSs) representing five ordinary shares of US\$0.20 each.**

SMITH & NEPHEW EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN ("ESPP")

The Company announces that ADS were purchased by the following persons discharging managerial responsibility ("PDMR"), as detailed in the table below, in accordance with the rules of the ESPP.

| Name | PDMR | Number of shares subject to purchase | Purchase price per ADS | Date of Purchase | Date Company informed | Total Number of ADS/Ordinary Shares held following Notification |
|--------------------|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| David Illingworth | Chief Executive | 31 ADSs | US\$37.95 | 08.05.09 | 23.10.09 | 34,383 (representing 171,915 ordinary shares) |
| Mark Augusti | PDMR | 12 ADSs | US\$37.95 | 08.05.09 | 23.10.09 | 5,439 ADSs (representing 27,195 ordinary shares) |
| | | 165 ADSs | US\$32.14 | 22.10.09 | | |
| Elizabeth Bolgiano | PDMR | 22 ADSs | US\$37.95 | 08.05.09 | 23.10.09 | 9,102 ADSs (representing 45,510 ordinary shares) |
| | | 165 ADSs | US\$32.14 | 22.10.09 | | |

Notes:

1. 1 ADS is equal to 5 ordinary shares of US\$0.20
2. The transaction took place in London, UK
3. This announcement is made following notifications under Disclosure Rule 3.1.2.

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