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

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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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