

NOVO NORDISK A S  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 6-K**

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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**

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

**May 15, 2012**

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**NOVO NORDISK A/S**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Novo Allé**

**DK- 2880, Bagsvaerd**

**Denmark**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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## Company Announcement

14 May 2012

## Novo Nordisk A/S – Share repurchase programme

On 2 May 2012 Novo Nordisk initiated a share repurchase programme in accordance with the provisions of the European Commission's regulation no 2273/2003 of 22 December 2003, also referred to as the Safe Harbour rules.

Under the programme Novo Nordisk will repurchase B shares for an amount up to DKK 1.8 billion in the period from 2 May 2012 to 7 August 2012.

Since the announcement as of 2 May 2012, the following transactions have been made under the programme:

	<b>Number of shares</b>	<b>Average purchase price</b>	<b>Transaction value, DKK</b>
<b>Accumulated, last announcement</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
2 May 2012	10,000	825.48	8,254,820
3 May 2012	31,000	838.79	26,002,561
7 May 2012	16,269	835.69	13,595,868
8 May 2012	30,000	843.07	25,292,076
9 May 2012	32,000	826.96	26,462,758
10 May 2012	30,000	828.63	24,858,822
11 May 2012	31,000	833.61	25,841,811
<b>Accumulated under the programme</b>	<b>180,269</b>		<b>150,308,717</b>

Transactions related to Novo Nordisk's incentive programmes have resulted in a net sale by Novo Nordisk of 83,258 B shares. The shares in these transactions were not part of the Safe Harbour repurchase programme.

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With the transactions stated above, Novo Nordisk owns a total of 13,298,737 treasury shares, corresponding to 2.4% of the share capital. The total amount of shares in the company is 560,000,000 including treasury shares.

Novo Nordisk expects to repurchase B shares worth DKK 12.0 billion during a 12 month period beginning 2 February 2012. As of 11 May 2012, Novo Nordisk has repurchased a total of 8,428,368 B shares equal to a transaction value of DKK 6,848,169,312.

*Novo Nordisk is a global healthcare company with 89 years of innovation and leadership in diabetes care. The company also has leading positions within haemophilia care, growth hormone therapy and hormone replacement therapy. Headquartered in Denmark, Novo Nordisk employs approximately 33,000 employees in 75 countries, and markets its products in more than 190 countries. Novo Nordisk's B shares are listed on NASDAQ OMX Copenhagen (Novo-B). Its ADRs are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NVO). For more information, visit [novonordisk.com](http://novonordisk.com).*

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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 of the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 15, 2012

NOVO NORDISK A/S

Lars Rebien Sørensen,

President and Chief Executive Officer