SMITH & NEPHEW PLC Form 6-K December 20, 2013

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

December 20, 2013

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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Yes No X

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Smith & Nephew plc (the "Company")

Transaction in Own Shares

The Company has today cancelled 8,000,000 of its Ordinary Shares of US 20¢ each ("Shares") previously held in Treasury.

Following the cancellation of these Shares the Company holds 25,521,773 of its shares in Treasury. The Company's issued share capital, with one voting right per share consists of 892,505,247 Ordinary Shares of US20¢ each. This is the figure which should be used by shareholders as the denominator when determining whether they are required to notify their interest in, or a change to their interest in, the Company under the FCA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

This announcement is made in accordance with the requirements of LR 12.6.4.

Susan Swabey Company Secretary Smith & Nephew plc Tel: 020 7401 7646

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)

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Date: December 20, 2013

By: /s/ Susan Swabey

Susan Swabey Company Secretary