

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

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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

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

November 21, 2011

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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Yes No

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Company Announcement

21 November 2011

Novo Nordisk A/S – Share repurchase programme

On 2 November 2011 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 2.8 billion in the period from 2 November 2011 to 31 January 2012.

Since the announcement as of 14 November 2011, the following transactions have been made under the programme:

	Number of shares	Average purchase price	Transaction value, DKK
Accumulated, last announcement	525,000		312,370,100
14 November 2011	70,000	609.7100	42,679,700
15 November 2011	70,000	610.5700	42,739,900
16 November 2011	70,000	622.7200	43,590,400
17 November 2011	70,000	616.7200	43,170,400
18 November 2011	70,000	619.7700	43,383,900
Accumulated under the programme	875,000		527,934,400

With the transactions stated above, Novo Nordisk owns a total of 22,835,024 treasury shares, corresponding to 3.9% of the share capital. The total amount of shares in the company is 580,000,000 including treasury shares.

Novo Nordisk expects to repurchase B shares worth DKK 12.0 billion during 2011 and January 2012. As of 18 November 2011, Novo Nordisk has

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repurchased a total of 16,356,205 B shares equal to a transaction value of DKK 9,737,993,036.

Novo Nordisk is a global healthcare company with 88 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 32,500 employees in 74 countries, and markets its products in 179 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.

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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: November 21, 2011

NOVO NORDISK A/S

Lars Rebien Sørensen,

President and Chief Executive Officer
