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

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Smith & Nephew plc

9 November 2009

Smith & Nephew plc - Transaction in Own Shares

Smith & Nephew plc announces that on 6 November 2009 it transferred a total of 86,714 ordinary shares of US\$0.20 each to participants of the Smith & Nephew ShareSave Plan and the Smith & Nephew International ShareSave Plan, who had exercised options following maturity on 1 November 2009.

The shares, which were all formerly held as Treasury shares, were transferred as follows:

- 58,819 ordinary shares at an exercise price of 348p per share; and
- 23,773 ordinary shares at an exercise price of 394p per share; and
- 4,122 ordinary shares at an exercise price of 432p per share.

Following the above transactions, Smith & Nephew plc holds 64,926,464 ordinary shares in treasury, and has 885,411,525 ordinary shares in issue (excluding treasury shares).

Susan Henderson

Company Secretary

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: November 9, 2009

By: /s/ Susan Henderson

Susan Henderson
Company Secretary