

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

**OCTOBER 18, 2010**

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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

18 October 2010

## Novo Nordisk A/S – Share repurchase programme

On 12 August 2010 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 1.0 billion in the period from 12 August 2010 to 25 October 2010.

Since the announcement as of 11 October 2010, the following transactions have been made under the programme:

|  | Number of<br>shares | Average<br>purchase price | Transaction value,<br>DKK |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Accumulated, last<br/>announcement</b>  | 1,451,000           |                           | 751,396,952               |
| 11 October 2010                            | 15,000              | 539.5000                  | 8,092,500                 |
| 12 October 2010                            | 30,000              | 544.5000                  | 16,335,000                |
| 13 October 2010                            | 30,000              | 544.7500                  | 16,342,500                |
| 14 October 2010                            | 45,000              | 540.0000                  | 24,300,000                |
| 15 October 2010                            | 35,000              | 539.1000                  | 18,868,500                |
| <b>Accumulated under<br/>the programme</b> | <b>1,606,000</b>    |                           | <b>835,335,452</b>        |

With the transactions stated above, Novo Nordisk owns a total of 26,484,087 treasury shares, corresponding to 4.4% of the share capital. The total amount of shares in the company is 600,000,000 including treasury shares.

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*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 29,890 employees in 76 countries, and markets its products in 179 countries. Novo Nordisk's B shares are listed on the 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: OCTOBER 18, 2010

NOVO NORDISK A/S

Lars Rebien Sørensen,

President and Chief Executive Officer

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