

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 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

17 May 2010

## Novo Nordisk A/S – Share repurchase programme

On 27 April 2010 Novo Nordisk initiated its 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 2.5 billion in the period from 27 April 2010 to 3 August 2010.

Since the announcement as of 10 May 2010, the following transactions have been made under the programme:

|  | <b>Number of<br/>shares</b> | <b>Average<br/>purchase price</b> | <b>Transaction value,<br/>DKK</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Accumulated, last<br/>announcement</b>  | 782,500                     |                                   | 360,816,302                       |
| 10 May 2010                                | 60,000                      | 461.0400                          | 27,662,400                        |
| 11 May 2010                                | 48,000                      | 464.9900                          | 22,319,520                        |
| 12 May 2010                                | 60,000                      | 471.3510                          | 28,281,060                        |
| <b>Accumulated under<br/>the programme</b> | <b>950,500</b>              |                                   | <b>439,079,282</b>                |

Transactions related to Novo Nordisk's incentive programmes have resulted in a net sale by Novo Nordisk of 45,750 B shares in the period from 10 May 2010 to 12 May 2010. The shares in these transactions were not part of the Safe Harbour repurchase programme.

With the transactions stated above, Novo Nordisk owns a total of 35,702,372 treasury shares, corresponding to 5.8% of the share capital. The total amount of shares in the company is 620,000,000 including treasury shares.

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*Novo Nordisk is a global healthcare company with 87 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 more than 29,300 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: May 18, 2010

NOVO NORDISK A/S

Lars Rebien Sørensen,

President and Chief Executive Officer

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