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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 by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Smith & Nephew plc
(Registrant)

Date: September 24, 2003

By: /s/ Paul Chambers

Paul Chambers
Company Secretary

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23 September 2003

The Secretary
London Stock Exchange
RNS
Old Broad Street
London
EC2N 1HP

Dear Sirs,

We have been notified that Mr Warren Knowlton, a director of the Company, acquired on 23 September 2003, 300 American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") representing 3,000 ordinary shares of the Company, at a price of \$66.08 per ADS. Mr Knowlton now has an interest in 15,501 ordinary shares representing 0.0017% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Yours faithfully,

P.R Chambers
Company Secretary