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August 24, 2009

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 6-K  
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REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

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

August 24, 2009

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NOVO NORDISK A/S  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

NOVO ALLE  
DK-2880, BAGSVAERD  
DENMARK  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports  
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contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the  
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in  
connection with Rule 12g-32(b):82-\_\_\_\_\_

TRANSACTION IN OWN SHARES

NOVO NORDISK A/S - SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 7 August 2009 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.

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Under the programme Novo Nordisk will repurchase B shares for an amount up to DKK 2.4 billion in the period from 10 August 2009 to 18 December 2009.

Since the announcement as of 17 August 2009, the following transactions have been made under the programme:

	NUMBER OF SHARES	AVERAGE PURCHASE PRICE	TRANSACTION VALUE, DKK
ACCUMULATED, LAST ANNOUNCEMENT	375,000		116,994,750
17 August 2009	75,000	317.1800	23,788,500
18 August 2009	75,000	313.8000	23,535,000
19 August 2009	75,000	310.9590	23,321,925
20 August 2009	75,000	314.7100	23,603,250
21 August 2009	75,000	317.6400	23,823,000
ACCUMULATED UNDER THE PROGRAMME	750,000		235,066,425

Transactions related to Novo Nordisk's incentive programmes have resulted in a net sale by Novo Nordisk of 41,650 B shares in the period from 17 August 2009 to 21 August 2009. 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 25,586,808 treasury shares, corresponding to 4.1% of the share capital. The total amount of shares in the company is 620,000,000 including treasury shares.

Novo Nordisk is a healthcare company and a world leader in diabetes care. In addition, Novo Nordisk has a leading position within areas such as haemostasis management, growth hormone therapy and hormone replacement therapy. Novo Nordisk manufactures and markets pharmaceutical products and services that make a significant difference to patients, the medical profession and society. With headquarters in Denmark, Novo Nordisk employs more than 27,900 employees in 81 countries, and markets its products in 179 countries. Novo Nordisk's B shares are listed on the stock exchanges in Copenhagen and London. Its ADRs are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol '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

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Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 24, 2009

NOVO NORDISK A/S

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Lars Rebien Sorensen,  
President and Chief Executive Officer