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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 ISSUER

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

December 16, 2008

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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 by furnishing the information  
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 15 August 2008 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 of up to DKK 1.7 billion in the period from 15 August 2008 to 19 December 2008.

Since the announcement as of 8 December 2008, the following transactions have been made under the programme:

	NUMBER OF SHARES	AVERAGE PURCHASE PRICE	TRANSACTION VALUE, DKK
ACCUMULATED, LAST ANNOUNCEMENT	4,809,000		1,370,566,404
8 December 2008	80,000	302.8000	24,224,000
9 December 2008	90,000	302.2900	27,206,100
10 December 2008	155,000	292.1600	45,284,800
11 December 2008	170,000	283.8100	48,247,700
12 December 2008	95,000	279.6600	26,567,700
ACCUMULATED UNDER THE PROGRAMME	5,399,000		1,542,096,704

Transactions related to Novo Nordisk's incentive programmes have resulted in a net sale by Novo Nordisk of 1,208,190 B-shares in the period from 8 December 2008 to 12 December 2008. 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 25,157,595 treasury shares, corresponding to 4.0% of the share capital. The total amount of shares in the company is 634,000,000 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 approximately 26,550 employees in 80 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: December 16, 2008

NOVO NORDISK A/S

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Lars Rebien Sorensen,  
President and Chief Executive Officer