

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC
Form 6-K
March 25, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

March 24, 2009

Commission File Number 001-14978

SMITH & NEPHEW plc
(Registrant's name)

15 Adam Street
London, England WC2N 6LA
(Address of registrant's principal executive offices)

[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.]

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in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2 (b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.]

Yes No X
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If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2 (b) : 82- n/a.

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: March 24, 2009

By: /s/ Paul Chambers

Paul Chambers
Company Secretary

RIS Announcement -Award grant

**Smith & Nephew Plc ("the Company")
Employee Share Plans - Announcement of transaction in ordinary shares of US\$0.20 each and
American Depository Shares (ADSs) representing five ordinary shares of US\$0.20 each.**

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The Company announces that on 23 March 2009 it was notified that, on 20 March 2009, conditional awards were made under the Company's Deferred Bonus Plan to persons discharging managerial responsibility ("PDMR") as detailed in the table below. No consideration is payable for the awards.

| Name | PDMR | Number of shares subject to award |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--|
| David Illingworth | Chief Executive | 51,658 ordinary shares |
| Adrian Hennah | Chief Financial Officer | 37,119 ordinary shares |
| Michael Frazzette | PDMR | 2,860 ADSs |
| Elizabeth Bolgiano | PDMR | 2,175 ADSs |
| John Campo | PDMR | 2,387 ADSs |
| Gordon Howe | PDMR | 1,963 ADSs |
| Joseph DeVivo | PDMR | 2,933 ADSs |

Notes:

1. The shares will normally vest, subject to continued employment, in equal annual tranches over three years following the award date.
2. The transaction took place in London, UK
3. This announcement is made following notifications under Disclosure Rule 3.1.2.

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