

Company Announcement

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Novo Nordisk A/S – Share repurchase programme

On 29 January 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.

Under the programme Novo Nordisk will repurchase B shares for an amount up to DKK 3.0 billion in the period from 29 January 2009 to 5 August 2009.

Since the announcement as of 9 March 2009, the following transactions have been made under the programme:

	Number of shares	Average purchase price	Transaction value, DKK
Accumulated, last announcement	2,040,000		608,016,770
9 March 2009	80,000	258.96	20,716,800
10 March 2009	75,000	257.11	19,283,400
11 March 2009	75,000	264.76	19,857,000
12 March 2009	75,000	264.60	19,845,000
13 March 2009	75,000	267.74	20,080,500
Accumulated under the programme	2,420,000		707,799,470

With the transactions stated above, Novo Nordisk owns a total of 27,272,552 treasury shares, corresponding to 4.3% 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 more than 27,000 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.

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