SMITH & NEPHEW PLC Form 6-K November 22, 2010

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

November 22, 2010

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)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorize	
	Smith & Nephew Plc (Registrant)
Date: November 22, 2010	
	By: /s/ Susan Henderson
Susan Henderson	Company Secretary

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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.

The Company announces that on 19 November 2010 conditional awards were made under the Company's Global Share Plan 2010 (the "Plan") to G Kelvin Johnson, a person discharging managerial responsibility ("PDMR"), as detailed in the tables below. No consideration is payable for the awards.

1. OPTION

				Total
				Number of
				Shares over
		Number of		which
		Ordinary		Options held
	Type of	f shares subjec	t Option	following
Name PDMR	award	to award	Price	Notification
G KelvinPDMR	Option	5,740	592p	142,823
Johnson				ordinary
				shares

Notes:

The Option vests in equal annual tranches over three years following the award date and will be exercisable from vesting until close of business on 18 November 2020.

2. PERFORMANCE SHARE AWARD

Total Number of Shares over which awards held under the PSP following Notification

Name PDMR subject to award Notification G K e l v i nPDMR 13,895 63,661 ordinary

Number of shares

Johnson shares

Notes:

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There are performance conditions attached to the release of performance shares under the Plan. These awards will vest on 19 November 2013, subject to the achievement of the performance conditions which are measured from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2012.

3. RESTRICTED STOCK AWARD

Total Number of Shares over which restricted stock awards held

Number of shares following

Name PDMR subject to award Notification G K e l v i nPDMR 10,626 10,626 ordinary

Johnson shares

Notes:

There are no performance conditions attached to the release of restricted shares under the Plan which will vest on 19 November 2011.

- 1) The transaction took place in London, UK.
- 2) This announcement is made in accordance with Disclosure & Transparency Rule 3.1.2.

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