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Form 6-K  
August 15, 2008

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 15, 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 files or will file annual reports  
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F

Form 20-F ☒ Form 40-F ☐

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

As part of the execution of Novo Nordisk's current DKK 17.5 billion share  
repurchase programme expected to be finalised before the end of 2009, a  
repurchase programme is initiated today in accordance with the provisions of the  
European Commission's regulation no 2273/2003 of 22 December 2003 (Safe Harbour

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regulation).

For that purpose Novo Nordisk has appointed J. P. Morgan Securities Ltd. as lead manager to independently and without influence from Novo Nordisk execute the programme. The purpose of the programme is reduction of the company's share capital. Under the agreement, J. P. Morgan Securities Ltd. will repurchase shares on behalf of Novo Nordisk for an amount of up to DKK 1.7 billion during the trading period starting today and ending on 19 December 2008. A maximum of 177,940 shares can be bought during one single trading day, equal to 15% of the average daily trading volume of Novo Nordisk B shares on the OMX Nordic Exchange Copenhagen during the month of July 2008, and a maximum of 16,192,540 shares in total can be bought during the trading period. At least once every seven trading days, Novo Nordisk will issue an announcement in respect of the transactions made under the repurchase programme.

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 26,300 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 Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 15, 2008

NOVO NORDISK A/S

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Lars Rebien Sorensen,  
President and Chief Executive Officer