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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

February 19, 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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Yes  No

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FORMAL NOTICE

NOVO NORDISK A/S - SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 31 January 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 2 billion in the period from 31 January 2008 to 6 August 2008.

Since the announcement on 11 February 2008, the following transactions have been made under the programme:

	NUMBER OF SHARES	AVERAGE PURCHASE PRICE	TRANSACTION
ACCUMULATED, LAST ANNOUNCEMENT	472,907		1
11 Feb 2008	50,000	324.4500	
12 Feb 2008	50,000	328.6000	
13 Feb 2008	50,000	327.9029	
14 Feb 2008	50,000	331.7300	
15 Feb 2008	50,000	331.4947	
ACCUMULATED, 2008	722,907		2

Transactions related to Novo Nordisk's incentive programmes have resulted in a sale by Novo Nordisk of 232,445 B shares since last announcement. 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 25,692,260 treasury shares, corresponding to 4.0% of the share capital. The total amount of shares in the company is 646,960,000 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 26,000 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

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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: February 19, 2008

NOVO NORDISK A/S

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Lars Rebien Sorensen,  
President and Chief Executive Officer