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November 10, 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

November 10, 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

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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 12g3-2(b): 82-\_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS

MAJOR SHAREHOLDER NOTIFICATION

In accordance with Section 29 of the Securities Trading Act, Novo Nordisk  
hereby reports that on 4 November 2008 Novo Nordisk received notification from  
The Capital Group Companies Inc. that it pursuant to letter of application of 7  
February 2008 to the Danish FSA regarding the exemption requirements for parent

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companies under Executive Order 1225 section 12 and 14 no longer will report interest in securities in Denmark on its own behalf. Instead, voting interest and ownership in shares will be reported separately by Capital Research and Management Company, Capital Group International Inc. or the mutual funds and clients themselves, as appropriate. None of the individual entities have shareholdings above the threshold of 5% of the issued share capital.

Further, The Capital Group Companies Inc. informed Novo Nordisk that the filing is not being made to reflect an acquisition or disposition of shares, but rather to reflect that the Capital Group Companies Inc. as a parent company is exempted from the requirements to file aggregate ownership reports under Executive Order 1225. Should the voting interests or ownership in shares held by Capital Research and Management Company, Capital Group International Inc. or the mutual funds and clients exceed a reporting threshold, such entity will file a report separately in the future.

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 26,550 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: November 10, 2008

NOVO NORDISK A/S

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Lars Rebien Sorensen,  
President and Chief Executive Officer