SMITH & NEPHEW PLC Form 6-K November 18, 2008

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 17, 2008

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 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Smith & Nephew Plc (Registrant)

Date: November 17, 2008

By: /s/ Paul Chambers
Paul Chambers
Company Secretary

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1. Name of company

Smith & Nephew plc

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2. Name of shareholder having a major interest
Prudential plc
3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18
Non-beneficial
4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them
Prudential Plc
5. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired
6. Percentage of issued class
7. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed
8. Percentage of issued class

9. Class of security
Ordinary shares of US 20 cents
10. Date of transaction
12.11.2008
11. Date company informed
13.11.2008
12. Total holding following this notification
26,738,522
13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
3.02%
14. Any additional information

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15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries
Gemma Parsons - Assistant Company Secretary 020 7960 2228
16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification
Gemma Parsons - Assistant Company Secretary
Date of notification
17.11.2008
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