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Form 6-K
July 17, 2006

FORM 6-K

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

July 17, 2006

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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Yes No
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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: July 17, 2006

By: /s/ Paul Chambers

Paul Chambers
Company Secretary

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1. Name of company

Smith & Nephew plc

2. Name of shareholder having a major interest

The Capital Group Companies, Inc.

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

Capital Guardian Trust Company:

State Street Nominees Ltd 1,767,250
Bank Of New York Nominees Ltd 1,930,308
Northern Trust 243,500
Chase Manhattan Bank Australia Ltd 8,500
Chase Nominees Ltd 9,423,874
BT Globenet Nominees Ltd 441,100
Midland Bank plc 1,370,200
Cede & Co 144,500
Deutsche Bank Mannheim 4,500
Bankers Trust 384,200

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Barclays Bank 18,900
Brown Bros 42,700
Nortrust Nominees 3,268,574
MSS Nominees Ltd 64,700
State Street Bank & Trust Co 156,600
Deutsche Bank AG 3,600
Citibank NA 32,000
HSBC Bank plc 2,900
Mellon Bank NA 127,900
ROY Nominees Ltd 23,900
Mellon Nominees (UK) Ltd 668,000
HSBC 32,200
JP Morgan Chase Bank 951,633

Capital International Ltd:

State Street Nominees Ltd 26,200
Bank of New York Nominees 771,506
Northern Trust 281,644
Chase Nominees Ltd 870,145
Midland Bank plc 50,300
Morgan Guaranty 77,500
Nortrust Nominees 475,772
State Street Bank & Trust Co 89,600
Citibank 263,700
Deutsche Bank AG 24,700
HSBC Bank plc 302,865
Mellon Bank NA 28,700
KAS UK 29,100
Bank One London 31,300
Raiffeisen Zentral Bank 296,700
Fortis Bank 10,500
Metzler Seel Sohn & Co. 6,500
Nordea Bank 57,000
Bayerische Hypo Und Vereinsbank AG 9,600

Capital International SA:

Chase Nominees Ltd 387,700
Midland Bank plc 11,000
Pictet & Cie 45,100
State Street Bank & Trust Co 30,300
Lloyds Bank 16,800
HSBC Bank plc 127,500
JP Morgan Chase Bank 10,800
Metzler Seel Sohn & Co. 10,200

Capital Research and Management Company:

State Street Nominees Ltd 19,416,500
Chase Nominees Ltd 97,971,400
JPM Nominees Ltd 25,679
State Street Bank & Trust Co 182,000

Capital International Inc

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Nortrust Nominees 79,700
HSBC Bank plc 24,900

5. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired

Not disclosed

6. Percentage of issued class

Not disclosed

7. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed

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8. Percentage of issued class

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9. Class of security

Ordinary shares of US 20 cents

10. Date of transaction

14.07.06

11. Date company informed

17.07.06

12. Total holding following this notification

143,154,450

13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

15.20%

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14. Any additional information

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15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Phil Higgins - Assistant Company Secretary

020 7960 2228

16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Phil Higgins - Assistant Company Secretary

Date of notification

17.07.06

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