SMITH & NEPHEW PLC Form 6-K June 09, 2009

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

June 9, 2009

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 X

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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: June 9, 2009

By: /s/ Susan Henderson

Susan Henderson Company Secretary

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1. Name of company

Smith & Nephew plc

2. Name of shareholder having a major interest

Thornburg Investment Management 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

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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 Thornburg Investment Management Inc 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 22.05.09 11. Date company informed 08.06.09 12. Total holding following this notification 44,852,265 13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 4.75% 14. Any additional information

Holding now below 5%

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15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Susan Henderson - Company Secretary 020 7960 2312

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

Susan Henderson - Company Secretary

Date of notification

09.06.09

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