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Form 6-K
February 23, 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

February 23, 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: February 23, 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 82,550
Bank Of New York Nominees Ltd 1,299,943
Chase Manhattan Bank Australia Ltd 8,500
Chase Nominees Ltd 6,817,656
BT Globenet Nominees Ltd 137,300
Midland Bank plc 194,900
Cede & Co 131,900
Deutsche Bank Mannheim 4,500
Bankers Trust 49,200
Nortrust Nominees 1,385,974
Royal Bank of Scotland 12,000
MSS Nominees Ltd 31,700
State Street Bank & Trust Co 54,300
RBSTB Nominees Ltd 9,700
Deutsche Bank AG 3,600
HSBC Bank plc 600
ROY Nominees Ltd 4,600

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Mellon Nominees (UK) Ltd 337,900
HSBC 5,200
JP Morgan Chase Bank 907,333

Capital International Ltd:
State Street Nominees Ltd 9,200
Bank of New York Nominees 1,010,846
Northern Trust 415,144
Chase Nominees Ltd 732,645
Midland Bank plc 22,900
Citibank London 130,200
Morgan Guaranty 77,500
Nortrust Nominees 629,226
Royal Bank of Scotland 96,400
State Street Bank & Trust Co 69,000
National Westminster Bank 10,800
Deutsche Bank AG 282,841
HSBC Bank plc 265,565
Mellon Bank NA 28,700
KAS UK 8,900
Bank One London 31,300

Capital International SA:
Chase Nominees Ltd 83,900
Midland Bank plc 2,400
National Westminster Bank 10,200
Lloyds Bank 5,200
HSBC Bank plc 38,400

Capital Research and Management Company:
State Street Nominees Ltd 17,058,750
Chase Nominees Ltd 82,554,600
State Street Bank & Trust Co 176,500

Capital International Inc
Nortrust Nominees 23,000
HSBC Bank plc 11,500

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

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10. Date of transaction

Not known

11. Date company informed

23.02.06

12. Total holding following this notification

115,264,973

13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

12.25%

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

23.02.06

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