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Form 6-K
April 20, 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

April 20, 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: April 20, 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 1,377,243
Chase Manhattan Bank Australia Ltd 8,500
Chase Nominees Ltd 6,730,310
BT Globenet Nominees Ltd 137,300
Midland Bank plc 240,700
Cede & Co 140,500
Deutsche Bank Mannheim 4,500
Bankers Trust 49,200
Nortrust Nominees 1,371,174
MSS Nominees Ltd 31,700
State Street Bank & Trust Co 55,900
Deutsche Bank AG 3,600
HSBC Bank plc 2,900
ROY Nominees Ltd 4,600
Mellon Nominees (UK) Ltd 337,900
Bank One London 9,700
HSBC 5,200

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JP Morgan Chase Bank 907,333

Capital International Ltd:
State Street Nominees Ltd 9,200
Bank of New York Nominees 923,106
Northern Trust 384,044
Chase Nominees Ltd 703,545
Midland Bank plc 22,900
Morgan Guaranty 77,500
Nortrust Nominees 570,726
State Street Bank & Trust Co 319,641
Citibank 101,600
Deutsche Bank AG 22,000
HSBC Bank plc 265,565
Mellon Bank NA 28,700
KAS UK 8,900
Bank One London 31,300
JP Morgan Chase Bank 10,800
Raiffeisen Zentral Bank 89,400
Fortis Bank 7,000
Metzler Seel Sohn & Co. 6,500
Nordea Bank 19,000
Bayerische Hypo Und Vereinsbank AG 9,600

Capital International SA:
Chase Nominees Ltd 112,600
Midland Bank plc 6,900
Lloyds Bank 5,200
HSBC Bank plc 38,400
Metzler Seel Sohn & Co. 10,200

Capital Research and Management Company:
State Street Nominees Ltd 17,890,800
Chase Nominees Ltd 89,013,589
State Street Bank & Trust Co 182,000

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

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Ordinary shares of US 20 cents

10. Date of transaction

Not known

11. Date company informed

20.04.06

12. Total holding following this notification

122,406,026

13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

13.00%

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

20.04.06

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