

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC  
Form 6-K  
October 22, 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**

October 21, 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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**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: October 21, 2009

By: /s/ Susan Henderson  
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Susan Henderson  
Company Secretary

21 October 2009

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC

STERLING AMOUNT OF DIVIDEND

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As announced on 30 July 2009, a first interim dividend of 5.46 US cents per share will be paid on 3 November 2009 to shareholders on the Register at the close of business on 16 October 2009. Those shareholders whose address on the Register is in the UK, and those who have validly elected to receive sterling dividends, will receive a dividend of 3.285 pence per share.

**Susan M Henderson**  
Company Secretary