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Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2 (b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.]

Yes

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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 20, 2008

By: /s/ Paul Chambers

Paul Chambers
Company Secretary

**Timing of Smith & Nephew
third quarter results**

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October 2008

Smith & Nephew plc (LSE: SN, NYSE: SNN), the global medical technology business,

