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Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

November 5, 2018

NOVO NORDISK A/S

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Novo Allé

DK- 2880, Bagsvaerd

Denmark

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Novo Nordisk A/S purchases B shares worth DKK 1,262 million from Novo Holdings A/S under the 2018 share repurchase programme

Bagsværd, Denmark, 5 November 2018 – Novo Nordisk A/S has today entered into an agreement to purchase 4,401,051 B shares (nominal DKK 0.20) of a value of DKK 1,262 million from Novo Holdings A/S. This transaction is part of Novo Nordisk A/S' 2018 share repurchase programme of up to a total of DKK 15 billion to be executed during a 12-month period beginning 1 February 2018. The transaction price is DKK 286.71 per share and has been calculated as the volume weighted average market price from 1 November to 5 November 2018 in the open window following the announcement of Novo Nordisk A/S' quarterly financial results.

Prior to the sale of B shares, Novo Holdings A/S' ownership of Novo Nordisk A/S was 28.2% of the share capital and 76.3% of the votes. Following the transaction, Novo Holdings A/S owns 537,436,000 A shares of DKK 0.20 and 149,789,000 B shares of DKK 0.20, corresponding to 28.1% of the capital and 76.3% of the votes in Novo Nordisk A/S.

The transaction is in line with the announcement on 1 November 2018 that Novo Holdings A/S intends to maintain its ownership of Novo Nordisk A/S' share capital around 28%.

With the transaction stated above, Novo Nordisk A/S owns a total of 49,135,789 B shares of DKK 0.20, corresponding to 2.0% of the share capital, as treasury shares. The total amount of A and B shares in the company is 2,450,000,000 of DKK 0.20 including treasury shares.

About Novo Holdings A/S

Novo Holdings is a Danish private limited liability company wholly owned by the Novo Nordisk Foundation. It is the holding company of the Novo Group, comprising Novo Nordisk A/S, Novozymes A/S and NNIT A/S, and is responsible for managing the Foundation's assets.

In addition to being the major shareholder in the Novo Group companies, Novo Holdings provides seed and venture capital to development-stage companies, takes significant ownership positions in well-established companies within life science and manages a broad portfolio of financial assets.

It is the vision of Novo Holdings to be recognized as a world-leading life science investor with a focus on creating long-term value. Read more at www.novo-holdings.dk.

About Novo Nordisk A/S

Novo Nordisk is a global healthcare company with 95 years of innovation and leadership in diabetes care. This heritage has given us experience and capabilities that also enable us to help people defeat obesity, haemophilia, growth disorders and other serious chronic diseases. Headquartered in Denmark, Novo Nordisk employs approximately 43,200 people in 79 countries and markets its products in more than 170 countries. Novo Nordisk's B shares are listed on Nasdaq Copenhagen (Novo-B). Its ADRs are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NVO). For more information, visit novonordisk.com, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NOVO NORDISK A/S

Date: November 5, 2018

Lars Fruergaard Jørgensen

Chief Executive Officer