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Dear Sirs,

Smith & Nephew plc has been notified today that the following directors of the Company have been granted nil cost options over ordinary shares of 12 2/9p each by the Trustees of the Smith & Nephew Employees' Share Trust as a result of the vesting of an award pursuant to the Smith & Nephew Long-Term Incentive Plan on 8 April 2002:

C.J. O'Donnell	183,040
P. Hooley	116,959

The period of exercise for these options will commence immediately and end on 8 April 2009.

C.J. O'Donnell now has options over 514,303 ordinary shares and P. Hooley options over 450,682 ordinary shares.

As a result of the transfer of 188,790 shares to other beneficiaries pursuant to the Smith & Nephew Long-Term Incentive Plan on 8 April 2002 all executive directors cease to be potential discretionary beneficiaries of the 188,790 shares previously held by the Trustees of Smith & Nephew Employees' Share Trust. The Trust now holds a total of 919,171 ordinary shares representing 0.1% of the share capital of the Company.

Yours faithfully,

P.R. Chambers  
Assistant Company Secretary