

COMPANIES FORM No. 169

Return by a company purchasing its own shares



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Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985

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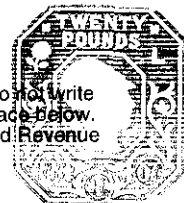
To the Registrar of Companies
(Address overleaf)

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Company number

2723534

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Name of company

* ASTRAZENECA PLC

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Note
This return must be delivered to the Registrar within a period of 28 days after the date on which the shares to which it relates were delivered to the company.

Shares were purchased by the company under section 162 of the above Act as follows:

Class of shares	ORDINARY	ORDINARY	ORDINARY
Number of shares purchased	500,000	800,000	300,000
Nominal value of each share	US\$0.25	US\$0.25	US\$0.25
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	13/12/06	06/12/06	12/12/06
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	2972.674p	2894.8449p	2881.561p
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	2972.674p	2894.8449p	2881.561p

\$ A private company is not required to give this information

The aggregate amount paid by the company for the shares to which this return relates was: £ 46,666,812.20

Stamp Duty is payable on the aggregate amount at the rate of 1/2% rounded up to the nearest multiple of £5 £ 233,335.00

± Insert
Director,
Secretary,
Administrator,
Administrative
Receiver or
Receiver
(Scotland) as
appropriate

Signed

Designation ± SECRETARY

Date 22/12/06

Presenter's name address and reference (if any) :

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