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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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use onlyPlease complete
legibly, preferably
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bold block letteringTo the Registrar of Companies
(Address overleaf)

For official use

Company number

2723534

Name of company

* ASTRAZENECA PLC

* insert full name
of company**Note**This return must be
delivered to the
Registrar within a
period of 28 days
beginning with the
first date on which
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	750,000	350,000	1,000,000
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	25/11/05	28/11/05	02/12/05
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	2601.59p	2641.5235p	2679.25p
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	2601.59p	2641.5235p	2679.25p

\$ 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:

£ 55,549,757.25

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

£ 277,750.00

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

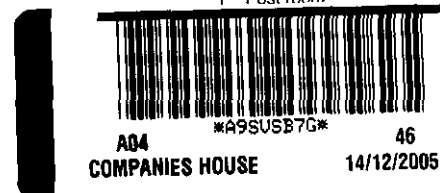
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Designation † SECRETARY

Date 07/12/05

Presentor's name address and
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