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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 2006



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To 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	
Number of shares purchased	1,000,000	500,000	
Nominal value of each share	US\$0.25	US\$0.25	
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	04/10/05	06/10/05	
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	2629.1682p	2643.5p	
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	2629.1682p	2643.5p	

§ 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:

£ 39,509,182.00

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

£ 197,550.00

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20/10/05

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

Signed

Designation † SECRETARY

Date 13/10/05

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

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General Section

Post room



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COMPANIES HOUSE

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21/10/2005