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COMPANIES FORM No. 169

Return by a company purchasing its own shares

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CHWP000

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write in
this margin

Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985

Please complete
legibly, preferably
in black type, or
bold block lettering

To the Registrar of Companies
(Address overleaf)

For official use

Company number

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2723534

Please do not write
in the space below.
For Inland Revenue
use only.

* insert full name
of company

Name of company

* ASTRAZENECA PLC

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	900,000	500,000	550,000
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	05/09/05	13/09/05	15/09/05
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	2525.9447p	2581.495p	2610.85p
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	2525.9447p	2581.495p	2610.85p

§ 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:

£ 50,000,652.30

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

£ 250,005.00

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

Signed

Designation † SECRETARY

Date 29/09/05

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

For official Use (10/03)
General Section

Post room



70/1005
05/10/05