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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

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

Name of company

* insert full 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 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	150,000	250,000	150,000
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	19/03/02	20/03/02	21/03/02
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	3478.67p	3457.776p	3462.746p
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	3478.67p	3457.776p	3462.746p

\$ 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:

£19,056,564-00

Stamp duty payable pursuant to section 66 of the Finance Act 1986 on the aggregate amount at 50p per £100 or part of £100

£ 95,285-00

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

Signed

Designation ± SECRETARY

Date 20/03/02

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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11/04/02