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COMPANIES FORM No. 169

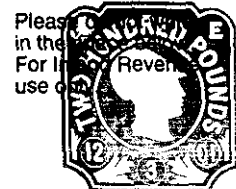
Return by a company purchasing its own shares

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Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985



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To the Registrar of Companies
(Address overleaf)

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Company number

1612178

Name of company

* Associated British Ports Holdings 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		
Number of shares purchased	50,000		
Nominal value of each share	25p		
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	5/3/2001		
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	£3.87		
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	N/A		

\$ 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:

£ 193,500

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

£ 970.00

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Director,
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Administrator,
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Receiver or
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(Scotland) as
appropriate

Signed

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Designation ±

Company
Secretary

Date 6/3/01

Presenter's name address and
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