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

* Associated British Ports Holdings plc



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

* insert full name of company

To the Registrar of Companies (Address overleaf)

Name of company

For official use

Company number

1612178



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	100,000
Nominal value of each share	25 pence
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	25/02/05
Maximum prices paid § for each share	£4.700400
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:

£ 470,040.00

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

£ 2,355

Date 28/02/05

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

Signed

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Designation ‡

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

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02/03/05