86625,005,4560° **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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* insert full name of company

Please complete legibly, preferably in black type, or

bold block lettering 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

VA TECH (UK) LIMITED

Shares were purchased by the company under section 162 of the above follows:

Class of Shares	ORDINARY	
Number of shares purchased	13,324,661	
Nominal value of each share	£1.00	
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	27th Feb 2001	
Maximum prices paid for each share	\$	
Minimum prices paid for each share	\$	

§ 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: £ 13,324,661 Stamp Duty is payable on the aggregate amount at the rate of 1/2% rounded up to the nearest multiple of £5 66,625.00 £

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

Presentor's name address and reference (if any): Watson Burton 20 Collingwood Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1YQ

Signed

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Designation \$ Secretary



Date × 27 April 2001×

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