



COMPANIES FORM No. 169

**Return by a company purchasing
its own shares****169**

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Please do not
write in
this margin

Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985

Please complete
legibly, preferably
in black type, or
bold block letteringTo the Registrar of Companies
(Address overleaf)

For official use

Company number

3951535

Name of company

* insert full name
of company

* 3i European Technology Trust plc

NoteThis 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 companyShares were purchased by the company under section 162 of the above Act as
follows:

Class of shares	Ordinary		
Number of shares purchased	1,000,000		
Nominal value of each share	1 pence		
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	04.12.03		
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	15.375 pence		
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	15.375 pence		

§ A private company
is not required to
give this informationThe aggregate amount paid by the company for the shares
to which this return relates was:

£ 153,750

Stamp duty is payable on the aggregate amount at the rate
of ½ % rounded up to the nearest multiple of £5

£ 770

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

Signed

Designation‡

FOR AND ON
BEHALF OF 3i PLC
SECRETARIES TO THE COMPANY

Date 11.12.03

Presentor's name address and
reference (if any) :P Sharp
Group Secretariat
3i plc
91 Waterloo Road
London SE1 8XPFor official Use
General SectionA05
COMPANIES HOUSE0556
13/12/03

1. Before this form is delivered to Companies House it must be "stamped" by an Inland Revenue Stamp Office to confirm that the appropriate amount of Stamp Duty has been paid. Inland Revenue Stamp Offices are located at:

Birmingham Stamp Office
5th Floor
Norfolk House
Smallbrook Queensway
Birmingham B5 4LA

Bristol Stamp Office
The Pithay
All Saints Street
Bristol
BS1 2NY

Manchester Stamp Office
Alexandra House
Parsonage
Manchester
M60 9BT

DX: 15001 Birmingham 1
Tel: 0121 633 3313

DX: 7899 Bristol 1
Tel: 0117 927 2022

DX: 14430 Manchester
Tel: 0161 476 1741

Newcastle Stamp Office
15th Floor, Cale Cross House
156 Pilgrim Street
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE1 6TF

Edinburgh Stamp Office
Mulberry House
16 Picardy Place
Edinburgh
EH1 3NF

DX 61021 Newcastle Upon Tyne
Tel: 0191 261 1199

DX ED 303 Edinburgh 1
Tel: 0131 556 8998

London Stamp Office
(Personal callers only)
South West Wing
Bush House
Strand
London WC2B 4QN

Worthing Stamp Office
(Postal applications only)
Ground Floor
East Block
Barrington Road
Worthing BN12 4SE

Tel: 020 7 438 7252/7452

DX: 3799 Worthing 1
Tel: 01903 508962

Cheques for Stamp Duty must be made payable to "Inland Revenue – Stamp Duties" and crossed "Not Transferable".

NOTE. This form must be presented to an Inland Revenue Stamp Office for stamping together with the payment of duty within 30 days of the allotment of shares, otherwise Inland Revenue penalties may be incurred.

2. After this form has been "stamped" and returned to you by the Inland Revenue it must be delivered to Companies House within one month of the allotment of shares. The form must be sent to:

For companies registered in:

England or Wales:

The Registrar of Companies
Companies House
Crown Way
Cardiff CF14 3UZ

DX: 33050 Cardiff

Scotland:

The Registrar of Companies
Companies House
37 Castle Street
Edinburgh EH1 2EB

DX: 235 Edinburgh