COMPANIES FORM No. 169

Return by a company pur its own shares







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Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act

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* insert full name

of company

(Address overleaf) Name of company

To the Registrar of Companies

Associated British Ports Holdings PLC

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	1,149,518	
Nominal value of each share	25 pence	
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	27/04/04	
Maximum prices paid § for each share	£4.343	
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:

£4,992,653.4

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

£24,965

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

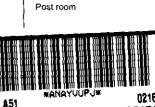
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Designation ±

Date 28/4/04

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

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