

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

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

(Address overleaf)

To the Registrar of Companies

Name of company

For official use

1612178







of company

* insert full name

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:

Associated British Ports Holdings plc

	Class of shares	Ordinary	
q	Number of shares purchased	176,634	
	Nominal value of each share	25 pence	
	Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	02/12/04	
	Maximum prices paid § for each share	£4.689263	
	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: £ 828,283.28

Stamp Duty is payable on the aggregate amount at the rate of 1/2% rounded up to the nearest multiple of £5 £4,145

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

Designation ±

Date 3/14/04

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

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Post room



COMPANIES HOUSE

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