COMPANIES FORM No. 169

Return by a company pur its own shares



For official use



Company number

1612178

CHWP000

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Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985







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

* insert full name

of company

(Address overleaf)

To the Registrar of Companies

Name of company

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
ed	Number of shares purchased	540,000
	Nominal value of each share	25 pence
,	Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	06/05/04
	Maximum prices paid § for each share	£4.4321070
	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:

£ 2,393,337.78

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

£ 11,970

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

Signed

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Designation #

Company Secretar

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

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Post room



COMPANIES HOUSE

11/05/04