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

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Company number

\* insert full name of company

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	
a l	Number of shares purchased	250,000	
	Nominal value of each share	25 pence	
	Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	23/09/04	
İ	Maximum prices paid § for each share	£4.453628	
	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:

£1,113,407

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

£5,570

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

Signed

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Designation #

Date 24/9/04

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

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