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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

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

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Company number

1612178

Name of company

* Associated British Ports Holdings plc

* insert full name
of company**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 companyShares were purchased by the company under section 162 of the above Act as
follows:

Class of shares	Ordinary		
Number of shares purchased	193,127		
Nominal value of each share	25 pence		
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	22/09/04		
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	£4.417581		
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	N/A		

\$ 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:

£ 853,154.17

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

£4,270

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

Signed

[Signature]

Designation †

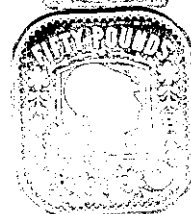
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Date

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