COMPANIES FORM No. 169

To the Registrar of Companies

(Address overleaf)

Name of company

Return by a company purchasing its own shares

CHFP000

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Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985

Company number

1612178









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

* insert full 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:

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	Class of shares	Ordinary	
ď	Number of shares purchased	79,410	
	Nominal value of each share	25 pence	
	Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	22/10/04	
	Maximum prices paid § for each share	£4.566453	
	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:

£ 362,622<u>.03</u>

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

‡ Insert Director, Secretary, Administrator, Administrative Receiver or Receiver

(Scotland) as

appropriate

Signed

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Designation ±

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

For official Use General Section

Post room

COMPANIES HOUSE

28/10/04