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COMPANIES FORM No. 169

Return by a company purchasing
its own shares



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write in
this margin

Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985



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legibly, preferably
in black type, or
bold block lettering

To the Registrar of Companies
(Address overleaf)

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Company number

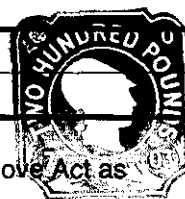
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Name of company

* insert full name
of company

* SECURE TRUST BANKING GROUP 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		
Number of shares purchased	340,000		
Nominal value of each share	1p		
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	21 March 2003		
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	440p		
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	440p		



§ 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:

£ 1,496,000.00

Stamp duty payable pursuant to section 66 of the Finance Act
1986 on the aggregate amount at 50p per £100 or part of £100

£ 7480

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

Signed

Designation ‡ Secretary

Date 31 March 2003

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

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General Section

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