

COMPANIES FORM No. 169

Return by a company purchasing

its own shares

CHFP025

Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985

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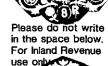
To the Registrar of C (Address overleaf)











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* insert full name of company

Please complete

legibly, preferably in black type, or bold block lettering Name of company WICKES 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

IOIOWS:		
Class of Shares	ORDINARY	
Number of shares purchased	17,975,523	·
Nominal value of each share	50p	
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	26 JULY 2000	
Maximum prices paid	§ 411p	



§ 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: £ 73,879,400

411p

Stamp duty payable pursuant to section 66 of the Finance Act 1986 on the aggregate amount at 50p per £100 or part of £100 £ 369,400.00

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

Signe

Designation ‡ Secretary

Date 27/7/2000

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

Linklaters One Silk Street London EC2Y 8HQ (IAR)

for each share

for each share

Minimum prices paid

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16/08/00