

Return by a company purchasing
its own shares**169**

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Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985

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

For official use

Company number

2662742

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in the space below.
For Inland Revenue
use only.* insert full name
of company

Name of company

* South Staffordshire Water PLC

NoteThis 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	3,250,000		
Nominal value of each share	£1.00		
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	15 July 2002		
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	£20.00		
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	£20.00		

§ 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:

£ 65,000,000

Stamp Duty is payable on the aggregate amount at the rate
of ½ % rounded up to the nearest multiple of £5

£

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

Signed

Designation ‡ Director

Date 15.7.02

Presentor's name address and
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