

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

* insert full name of company

To the Registrar of Companies (Address overleaf)

ASTRAZE~&CA

Name of company

For official use

Company number

2723534

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	650,000	
Nominal value of each share	us\$ 0.25	
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	02/07/01	
Maximum prices paid § for each share	3311.125 p	
Minimum prices paid § for each share	3311.125p	

§ 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:

£21,522,312-50

Stamp duty payable pursuant to section 66 of the Finance Act 1986 on the aggregate amount at 50p per £100 or part of £100 £107,615-00

Insert
Director,
Secretary,
Administrator,
Administrative
Receiver or
Receiver

(Scotland) as

appropriate

Signed

Designation # SECAETARY

Date 2/7/01

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

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