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of company**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§ A private company
is not required to
give this information

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

To the Registrar of Companies
(Address overleaf)

Name of company

* ASTRAZENECA PLC

Shares were purchased by the company under section 162 of the above Act as follows:

Class of shares	ORDINARY	ORDINARY	ORDINARY
Number of shares purchased	515,000	590,000	835,000
Nominal value of each share	US\$ 0.25	US\$ 0.25	US\$ 0.25
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	08/03/2000	10/03/2000	13/03/2000
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	2126.653p	2192.4991p	2191.41p
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	2126.653p	2192.4991p	2191.41p

The aggregate amount paid by the company for the shares
to which this return relates was:

£42,186,281-14

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

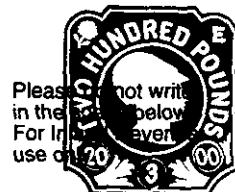
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† Insert
Director,
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Administrator,
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Receiver or
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(Scotland) as
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Signed

Designation † SECRETARY

Date 17/3/2000

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