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in black type, or
bold block lettering* insert full name
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

Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985

To the Registrar of Companies
(Address overleaf)

Name of company

* ASTRAZENECA PLC

For official use

Company number

2723534

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 | 300,000 | 200,000 | 250,000 |
| 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 | 17/08/01 | 20/08/01 | 21/08/01 |
| Maximum prices paid \$ for each share | 3348.95p | 3345.125p | 3315.39p |
| Minimum prices paid \$ for each share | 3348.95p | 3345.125p | 3315.39p |

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

£25,025,575-00

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

£125,130-00

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

Signed

Designation † SECRETARY

Date 20 AUG 2001

Presentor's name address and
reference (if any) :For official Use
General Section

Post room

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COMPANIES HOUSE

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