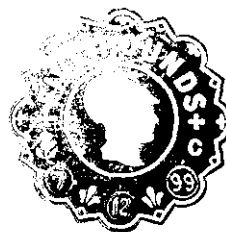


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COMPANIES FORM No. 169

## Return by a company purchasing its own shares

Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985



# 169

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\* 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

To the Registrar of Companies  
(Address overleaf)

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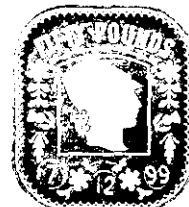


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Name of company

\* BARNMEAD VC 2 plc



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

Class of shares	ORDINARY		
Number of shares purchased	20,000		
Nominal value of each share	10p		
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	1/12/99		
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	90p		
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	90p		

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

£18,000

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

£ 90

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

Signed

Designation

For FRIENDS VC 2  
& SIME SECRETARIES

Date

3/12/99

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

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