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COMPANIES FORM No. 169

Return by a company purchasing its own shares

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Please do not
write in
this margin

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

501827

* insert full name
of company

Name of company

* SECURITIES TRUST OF SCOTLAND
plc**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 | ORDINARY | |
| Number of shares purchased | 100,000 | 250,000 | |
| Nominal value of each share | £0.25 | £0.25 | |
| Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company | 4/2/2004 | 17/2/2004 | |
| Maximum prices paid \$ for each share | £0.875 | £0.87 | |
| Minimum prices paid \$ for each share | £0.875 | £0.87 | |

§ 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:

£305,000

Stamp Duty is payable on the aggregate amount at the rate
of 1/2% rounded up to the nearest multiple of £5

£1,525

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

Signed

J. W. Wyne

Designation †

for and on
behalf of
the
company's directors

Date

25/2/2004

Presenter's name address and
reference (if any):J. W. Wyne
Flack & Currie Investment
Management Ltd
Saltire Court
20 Castle Terrace
Edinburgh EH1 2ESFor official Use (02/00)
General Section

Post room

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1. Before this form is delivered to Companies House it must be "stamped" by an Inland Revenue Stamp Office to confirm that the appropriate amount of Stamp Duty has been paid. Inland Revenue Stamp Offices are located at:

Birmingham Stamp Office
5th Floor
Norfolk House
Smallbrook Queensway
Birmingham B5 4LA

DX: 15001 Birmingham 1
Tel: 0121 633 3313

Bristol Stamp Office
The Pithay
All Saints Street
Bristol
BS1 2NY

DX: 7899 Bristol 1
Tel: 0117 927 2022

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Alexandra House
Parsonage
Manchester
M60 9BT

DX: 14430 Manchester
Tel: 0161 476 1741

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15th Floor, Cale Cross House
156 Pilgrim Street
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE1 6TF

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Mulberry House
16 Picardy Place
Edinburgh
EH1 3NF

DX: ED 303 Edinburgh 1
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South West Wing
Bush House
Strand
London WC2B 4QN

Tel: 020 7 438 7252/7452

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Ground Floor
East Block
Barrington Road
Worthing BN12 4SE

DX: 3799 Worthing 1
Tel: 01903 508962

Cheques for Stamp Duty must be made payable to "Inland Revenue - Stamp Duties" and crossed "Not Transferable".

NOTE. This form must be presented to an Inland Revenue Stamp Office for stamping together with the payment of duty within 30 days of the allotment of shares, otherwise Inland Revenue penalties may be incurred.

2. After this form has been "stamped" and returned to you by the Inland Revenue it must be sent to:

For companies registered in:

England or Wales:

The Registrar of Companies
Companies House
Crown Way
Cardiff CF14 3UZ

DX: 33050 Cardiff

Scotland:

The Registrar of Companies
Companies House
37 Castle Terrace
Edinburgh EH1 2EB

DX: 235 Edinburgh