



# 169(1B)

Return by a public company purchasing its own shares for holding in treasury

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Pursuant to section 169(1B) of the Companies Act 1985

Please complete legibly in black type or bold block lettering

Company Number SC169182

Company Name in full VENTURE PRODUCTION PLC

Please do not write in the space below. For HM Revenue & Customs use only.

## PART A: PURCHASE BY COMPANY OF ITS OWN SHARES FOR HOLDING IN TREASURY

Note This return must be delivered to the Registrar within a period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the shares to which this return relates were delivered.

Class of shares (ordinary or preference etc)

ORDINARY

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Number of shares

20,000

980,000

Date(s) shares delivered to the company

18/05/2006

19/05/2006

For each share:

Nominal value

0.4 PENCE

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Maximum price paid

682.773 PENCE

680.5034 PENCE

Minimum price paid

682.773 PENCE

676 PENCE

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

£ 6,774,654.18

Stamp Duty is payable on the aggregate amount at the rate of 0.5 % rounded up to the nearest multiple of £5

£ 33,875

## PART B: FULLY PAID BONUS SHARES PLACED IN TREASURY PURSUANT TO SECTION 162C(6) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

Class of shares

(ordinary or preference etc)

Number of shares

Nominal value of each share

Date(s) shares delivered to the company

\*\*Delete as appropriate

Signed

Date

29/05/2006

(\*\*a director / secretary / administrator / administrative receiver / receiver manager / receiver)

You do not have to give any contact information if you are a company registered in the United Kingdom.



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DX number

DX exchange

When you have completed and signed the form and it has been stamped by the HM Revenue & Customs please send it to the Registrar of Companies at:

Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ DX 33050 Cardiff

for companies registered in England and Wales or  
Companies House, 37 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2EB

for companies registered in Scotland DX 235 Edinburgh or LP - 4 Edinburgh 2

## Notes for completion

1. If this return shows that treasury shares have been cancelled, before the form is delivered to Companies House it must be "stamped" by HM Revenue & Customs to confirm that the appropriate amount of Stamp Duty has been paid. **If the return has not been stamped HM Revenue & Customs penalties may apply.** HM Revenue & Customs Stamp Office is located at:

London Stamp Office  
Ground Floor  
South West Wing  
Bush House  
Strand  
London  
WC2B 4QN

Tel: 020 7438 7252/7452

Cheques for Stamp Duty must be made payable to "HM Revenue & Customs, Stamp Taxes" and crossed "Not Transferable".

2. After this form has been "stamped" and returned to you by HM Revenue & Customs it must be sent to the Registrar of Companies (addresses overleaf).

3. Note: If this return shows only that treasury shares have been sold or transferred (that is, none have been cancelled), the form should be sent directly to Companies House.