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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

For official use

Company number

Please complete legibly, preferably in black type, or bold block lettering

Name of company

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* insert full name of company

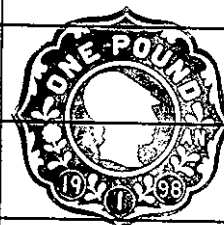
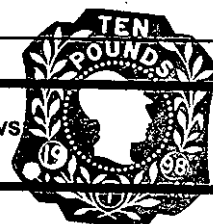
* ELAN COMPANYY LIMITED

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			
Nominal value of each share	1 pence			
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	16.5.97			
Number of shares purchased	6000			
Maximum prices paid \$ for each share	35.78 pence			
Minimum prices paid \$ for each share	35.78 pence			



\$ A private company is not required to give this information

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

\$ £ 2146.50

Signed

[Director][Secretary]† Date

16.5.97

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

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