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COMPANIES FORM No. 169

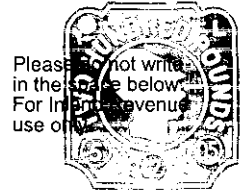
Return by a company purchasing its own shares

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Pursuant to section 169 of the Companies Act 1985



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To the Registrar of Companies
(Address overleaf)

For official use

Company number

1612178

Name of company

* Associated British Ports Holdings plc

* 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

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

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| Class of shares | Ordinary | | |
| Number of shares purchased | 50,000 | | |
| Nominal value of each share | 25 pence | | |
| Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company | 01/12/05 | | |
| Maximum prices paid § for each share | £5.634762 | | |
| Minimum prices paid § for each share | N/A | | |

§ 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:

£ 281,738.10

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

£ 1,410

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

Signed

H. J. ...

Designation ‡

Company Secretary

Date

1/12/05

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

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General Section

Post room



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