

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION CONTINUED

During 2007, AstraZeneca's share re-purchase programme, which was introduced in 1999, continued with the re-purchase and subsequent cancellation of 79.9 million shares at a total cost of \$4,170m, representing 5.5% of the total issued share capital of the Company. The average price paid per share in 2007 was 2593 pence. Between 1999 and 2006, a total of 282.8 million Ordinary Shares were re-purchased, and subsequently cancelled, at an average price of 2693 pence per share for a consideration, including expenses, of \$13,318m. The excess of the consideration over the nominal value was charged against the profit and loss account reserve. Shares issued in respect of share schemes totalled 4.7 million.

In 1999, in connection with the merger, AstraZeneca's share capital was redenominated in US dollars. On 6 April 1999, Zeneca shares were cancelled and US dollar shares issued, credited as fully paid on the basis of one dollar share for each Zeneca share then held. This was achieved by a reduction of capital under section 135 of the Companies Act 1985. Upon the reduction of capital becoming effective, all issued and unissued Zeneca shares were cancelled and the sum arising as a result thereof credited to a special reserve, which was converted into US dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing on the record date. This US dollar reserve was then applied in paying up, at par, newly created US dollar shares.

At the same time as the US dollar shares were issued, the Company issued 50,000 Redeemable Preference Shares with a nominal value of £1.00 each for cash at par. The Redeemable Preference Shares carry limited class voting rights and no dividend rights. This class of shares is also capable of redemption at par at the option of the Company on the giving of seven days' written notice to the registered holder of the shares.

A total of 826 million AstraZeneca shares were issued to Astra shareholders who accepted the merger offer before the final closing date, 21 May 1999. AstraZeneca received acceptances from Astra shareholders representing 99.6% of Astra's shares and the remaining 0.4% was acquired in 2000 for cash.

MAJOR SHAREHOLDINGS

At 31 January 2008, the following had disclosed an interest in the issued Ordinary Share capital of the Company in accordance with the requirements of section 5.1.2 of the UK Listing Authority's Disclosure and Transparency Rules:

Shareholder	Number of shares	Date of disclosure to Company*	Percentage of issued share capital
Capital Research and Management Company	71,261,060	25 Jun 2007	4.89%
Axa SA	70,934,559	20 Dec 2007	4.87%
Investor AB	63,465,810	11 Feb 2004	4.36%
Barclays PLC	61,721,820	18 Dec 2006	4.24%
Wellington Management Co., LLP	60,565,299	30 Oct 2006	4.16%
Legal & General Investment Management Limited	59,198,535	12 Sept 2007	4.06%

* Since the date of disclosure to the Company, the interest of any person listed above in the Ordinary Shares of the Company may have increased or decreased. No requirement to notify the Company of any increase or decrease would have arisen unless the holding moved up or down through a whole number percentage level. The percentage level may increase (on the cancellation of shares following a re-purchase of shares under the Company's share re-purchase programme) or decrease (on the issue of new shares under any of the Company's share plans).

No other person held a notifiable interest in shares, comprising 3% or more of the issued Ordinary Share capital of the Company.

Changes in the percentage ownership held by major shareholders during the past three years are set out below. Major shareholders do not have different voting rights.

Shareholder	Percentage of issued share capital			
	31 Jan 2008	31 Jan 2007	31 Jan 2006	26 Jan 2005
Capital Research and Management Company	4.89%	11.70%	12.57%	13.39%
Axa SA	4.87%	—	—	—
Investor AB	4.36%	4.14%	4.01%	3.86%
Barclays PLC	4.24%	4.03%	3.20%	3.08%
Wellington Management Co., LLP	4.16%	3.95%	4.97%	3.25%
Legal & General Investment Management Limited	4.06%	3.43%	3.32%	3.19%

AstraZeneca PLC American Depositary Shares (each representing one Ordinary Share) evidenced by American Depositary Receipts issued by JPMorgan Chase Bank, as depositary, are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. At 31 January 2008, the proportion of Ordinary Shares represented by American Depositary Shares was 9.58% of the Ordinary Shares outstanding.

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Number of registered holders of Ordinary Shares at 31 January 2008:

> In the US	790
> Total	132,685

Number of record holders of American Depositary Receipts at 31 January 2008:

> In the US	2,379
> Total	2,413

So far as the Company is aware, it is neither directly nor indirectly owned nor controlled by one or more corporations or by any government.

At 31 January 2008, the total amount of the Company's voting securities owned by Directors and Officers of the Company was:

Title of class	Amount owned	Percentage of class
Ordinary Shares	283,176	0.02%

The Company does not know of any arrangements, the operation of which might result in a change in the control of the Company.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the period 1 January 2008 to 31 January 2008, there were no transactions, loans, or proposed transactions between the Company and any related parties which were material to either the Company or the related party, or which were unusual in their nature or conditions (see also Note 29).

OPTIONS TO PURCHASE SECURITIES FROM REGISTRANT OR SUBSIDIARIES

(a) At 31 January 2008, options outstanding to subscribe for Ordinary Shares of \$0.25 of the Company were:

Number of shares	Subscription price	Normal expiry date
46,514,629	1913p-3487p	2008-2017

The weighted average subscription price of options outstanding at 31 January 2008 was 2702p. All options were granted under Company employee share schemes.

(b) Included in paragraph (a) are options granted to Directors and Officers of AstraZeneca as follows:

Number of shares	Subscription price	Normal expiry date
1,925,548	2132p-3487p	2008-2017

(c) Included in paragraph (b) are options granted to individually named Directors. Details of these option holdings at 31 December 2007 are shown in the Directors' Remuneration Report.

During the period 1 January 2008 to 31 January 2008, John Patterson exercised options over 625 Ordinary Shares under the AstraZeneca Savings-Related Share Option Scheme and retained all the shares so acquired.

DIVIDEND PAYMENTS

For Ordinary Shares trading on the London and Stockholm Stock Exchanges, the record date for the second interim dividend for 2007, payable on 17 March 2008, is 8 February 2008. For ADRs trading on the New York Stock Exchange, the record date for the second interim dividend for 2007, payable on 17 March 2008, is 11 February 2008. Ordinary Shares trade ex-dividend on the London and Stockholm Stock Exchanges from 6 February 2008 and ADRs trade ex-dividend on the New York Stock Exchange from 7 February 2008. Dividends will normally be paid as follows:

First interim: Announced in July and paid in September.

Second interim: Announced in January/February and paid in March.

The record date for the first interim dividend for 2008, payable on 15 September 2008 (in the UK, the US and Sweden), is 8 August 2008.

SHAREVIEW

AstraZeneca's shareholders with internet access may visit shareview.co.uk and register their details to create a portfolio. Shareview is a free and secure on-line service from the Company's registrars, Equiniti Limited, which gives access to shareholdings including balance movements, indicative share prices and information about recent dividends.