

**31 March 2010**

**Collins Stewart plc**

**Transaction in Own Shares**

Collins Stewart plc (the "Company") announces that on 30 March 2010 the trustees of the Collins Stewart Employees' Share Ownership Trust (the "ESOT") purchased 1,643,649 Ordinary shares in the Company at a price of 87 pence per share.

These shares were acquired to satisfy needs arising under the ESOT, an employee benefit trust in which employees and executive directors participate.

Following the purchase of these shares, the ESOT holds 5,179,832 ordinary shares. The Company has 248,129,550 ordinary shares in issue and does not hold any shares in Treasury.

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