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January 07, 2003

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of January, 2003

SPIRENT plc

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Spirent House, Crawley Business Quarter, Fleming Way, Crawley, West Sussex
RH10 9QL, UK.

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F X Form 40-F.....

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No X

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- _____

London Stock Exchange

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1 Name of company

SPIRENT plc

2 Name of shareholder having a major interest

FMR Corp. and Fidelity International Limited

3 Please state whether notification indicates that it is in

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respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18

Companies named in box 2 above and their direct and indirect subsidiaries, being non-beneficial holders

4	Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them	
	Chase Nominees Ltd (FMRCO)	7,309,500
	State Street Nominees Ltd (FMRCO)	1,340,300
	State Street Bank & Trust (FMTC)	2,673,700
	Chase Manhattan Bank London (FISL)	12,462,979
	HSBC (FPM)	619,700
	Chase Nominees Ltd (FPM)	7,032,896
	Northern Trust (FPM)	2,040,200
	Chase Manhattan Bank London (FIL)	1,342,648
	Bank of New York Brussels (FIL)	805,100
	Northern Trust (FIL)	3,044,100
	Chase Nominees Ltd (FIL)	9,979,540
	Bank of New York London (FIL)	5,006,000
	Nortrust Nominees Ltd (FIL)	3,107,200
	State Street Bank & Trust (FIL)	296,400
	FMRCO - Fidelity Management & Research Company	
	FMTC - Fidelity Management Trust Company	
	FISL - Fidelity Investment Services Ltd	
	FPM - Fidelity Pension Management	
	FIL - Fidelity International Ltd	
5	Number of shares/ amount of stock acquired	6 Percentage of Issued Class
	800,000	0.08%
7	Number of shares/amount of stock disposed	8 Percentage of Issued Class
	N/a	N/a
9	Class of security	
	ORDINARY SHARES OF 3 1/3p EACH	
10	Date of transaction	
	Not notified	
11	Date company informed	
	7 January 2003	
12	Total holding following this notification	
	57,060,263	

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13 Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
6.05%

14 Any additional information

15 Name of contact and telephone number for queries
Luke Thomas - 01293 767658

16 Name and signature of authorised company official
responsible for making this notification
Luke Thomas, Deputy Company Secretary, Spirent plc

Date of notification 7 January 2003

London Stock Exchange, Company Announcements Office, Old Broad Street, London
EC2N 1HP
Facsimile: 0207 588 6057, 0207 334 8964/8965/8966 (PLEASE DO NOT POST)
Enquiries: Continuing Obligations: Telephone: 0207 797 3850/1639/1972/3150

END

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the
registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the
undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

____LUKE THOMAS____

(Registrant)

Date__7 January 2003 ____

By ____/s/ Luke Thomas____

(Signature)*