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Form 6-K  
December 17, 2002

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 December, 2002

SPIRENT plc

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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

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(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- \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters

1      Name of company

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2 Name of shareholder having a major interest

FMR Corp (Fidelity Investment Limited)

3 Please state whether notification indicates that it is in 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

Company named in box 2 above and its 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 Limited (FMRCO)        | 7,011,700  |
| State Street Nominees Limited (FMRCO) | 679,900    |
| State Street Bank & Trust (FMTC)      | 2,184,900  |
| Chase Manhattan Bank London (FISL)    | 12,462,979 |
| HSBC (FPM)                            | 452,800    |
| Chase Nominees Limited (FPM)          | 4,032,796  |
| Northern Trust (FPM)                  | 1,459,100  |
| Chase Manhattan Bank London (FIL)     | 1,000,348  |
| Bank of New York Brussels (FIL)       | 582,900    |
| Northern Trust (FIL)                  | 2,057,500  |
| Chase Nominees Limited (FIL)          | 7,236,840  |
| Bank of New York London (FIL)         | 3,067,800  |
| Nortrust Nominees Limited (FIL)       | 2,259,800  |
| State Street Bank & Trust (FIL)       | 123,900    |

| 5 | Number of shares / amount of stock acquired | 6 | Percentage of Issued Class | 7 | Number of shares /amount of stock disposed | 8 | Percentage of Issued Class |
|---|---|---|----------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
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|  |            |  |       |  |     |  |     |
|--|------------|--|-------|--|-----|--|-----|
|  | 10,662,047 |  | 1.13% |  | N/a |  | N/a |
|--|------------|--|-------|--|-----|--|-----|

| 9 | Class of security | 10 | Date of transaction |
|---|-------------------|----|---------------------|
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|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
|  | ORDINARY SHARES OF 3 1/3p EACH |  | Not notified |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------|

11 Date company informed

17 December 2002

12 Total holding following this notification

45,613,263

13 Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

4.86%

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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 SECRETARY, SPIRENT PLC

Date of notification

17 December 2002

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

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 17 December 2002

By \_\_\_\_/s/ Luke Thomas\_\_\_\_

(Signature)\*