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Form 6-K  
February 21, 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 February, 2003

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

1      Name of company

SPIRENT plc

2      Name of shareholder having a major interest

FMR Corp. and Fidelity International Limited

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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

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)	8,717,800
State Street Nominees Ltd (FMRCO)	428,300
State Street Bank & Trust Company (FMRCO)	16,310,700
State Street Bank & Trust (FMTC)	3,137,900
Chase Manhattan Bank London (FISL)	12,563,179
HSBC (FPM)	619,700
Chase Nominees Ltd (FPM)	7,032,896
Northern Trust (FPM)	2,040,200
Chase Manhattan Bank London (FIL)	1,111,725
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
HSBC Client Holdings Nominee (UK) Ltd (FIL)	10,014,400

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

17,797,468

6 Percentage of Issued Class

1.89%

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7 Number of shares / amount of stock disposed

N/a

8 Percentage of Issued Class

N/a

9 Class of security

ORDINARY SHARES OF 3 1/3p EACH

10 Date of transaction

Not notified

11 Date company informed

20 February 2003

12 Total holding following this notification

84,215,140

13 Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

8.93%

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

21 February 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

Signatures

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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 \_\_\_\_21 February 2003\_\_\_\_

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

(Signature)\*