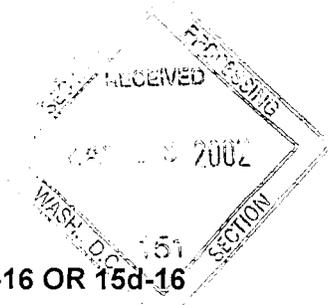




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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of MAY, 2002

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 office)

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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 MAY 2002

By Luke Thomas
(Signature)*

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News Release



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SPIRENT PLC JAMES WYNESS APPOINTED ACTING CHAIRMAN

The Board of Spirent plc announces that after the sudden death of Spirent's Non-executive Chairman, Dr George Sarney, on 30 April 2002, James Wyness has been appointed as Acting Chairman.

Mr Wyness is the senior independent Non-executive Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee of Spirent plc.

The Company has initiated a formal search process to find a permanent appointment for the Non-executive Chairman position.

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About Spirent

Spirent plc is an international network technology company providing state-of-the-art solutions with a focus on high growth activities. Our Communications group unites leading edge performance analysis technology with network operations expertise, enabling customers to accelerate the development, deployment and assurance of next generation network equipment and services worldwide. Further information about Spirent plc can be found at www.spirent.com

Spirent plc is listed on the London Stock Exchange (ticker: SPT) and on the New York Stock Exchange (ticker: SPM; CUSIP number: 84856M209) with one American Depositary Receipt representing four Ordinary shares.

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