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January 02, 2004

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, 2004

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.

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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- _____

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1. Name of company

SPIRENT PLC

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2. Name of shareholder having a major interest

STANLIFE NOMINEES 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 2 ABOVE

4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them

AS NAMED IN 2 ABOVE

5. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired

2,725,000

6. Percentage of issued class

0.29%

7. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed

N/A

8. Percentage of issued class

N/A

9. Class of security

ORDINARY SHARES OF 3.3333 PENCE EACH

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10. Date of transaction

30 DECEMBER 2003

11. Date company informed

31 DECEMBER 2003

12. Total holding following this notification

29,562,297

13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

3.13%

14. Any additional information

SHAREHOLDER HAS INFORMED THE COMPANY THAT FOLLOWING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACQUISITION OF SHARES, THAT IT NOW HAS THE ABOVE-REPORTED MATERIAL INTEREST IN THE COMPANY

15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

MICHAEL ANSCOMBE - 01293 767 672

16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

MICHAEL ANSCOMBE - ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY

Date of notification

2 JANUARY 2004

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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 2 January, 2004

By ____/s/ Luke Thomas____

(Signature)*