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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 October, 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.

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andrew given appointed non-executive director

Spirent plc (LSE: SPT; NYSE: SPM), a leading international network technology company, announces that Andrew Given has been appointed as a non-executive director with effect from today.

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Andrew (55) was formerly Deputy Chief Executive of Logica plc and has substantial experience of international high technology markets and companies, particularly in telecoms. His previous position as Group Finance Director of Logica plc brings additional relevant financial experience to the Board. He will succeed James Wyness as Chairman of the Audit Committee. Andrew also currently serves as the senior independent non-executive director on the boards of VT Group plc and Spectris plc.

Commenting, John Weston, Chairman of Spirent, said:

"We are delighted that Andrew has agreed to join our Board. His considerable experience in the high-tech sector and financial acumen will be of great value to the Group. I would like to take this opportunity to thank James Wyness for his excellent service as Chairman of the Audit Committee over the past 10 years. James remains as our senior independent non-executive director."

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### About Spirent

Spirent plc is an international network technology company providing state-of-the-art systems and solutions for a broad range of customers. Our Communications group is a worldwide provider of integrated performance analysis and service assurance systems for next-generation network technologies. Spirent's solutions enable customers to develop and deploy network equipment and services more economically and efficiently by emulating real-world conditions and assuring end-to-end performance of large-scale networks. Our Network Products group provides innovative solutions for fastening, identifying, insulating, organising, routing and connectivity that add value to electrical and communication networks in a wide range of applications. Our Systems group offers integrated solutions for the power controls and aerospace markets. Further information about Spirent plc can be found at [www.spirent.com](http://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

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Depository Receipt representing four Ordinary shares.

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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 October 9, 2003

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

(Signature)\*