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Form 6-K
October 01, 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 October 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

2. Name of shareholder having a major interest

BARCLAYS PLC

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

SHAREHOLDER NAMED IN 2 ABOVE

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

| Registered Holder | Account designation | Holding |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| BANK OF NEW YORK | 214075 | 3,861,569 |
| BANK OF NEW YORK | 221428 | 524,342 |
| BANK OF NEW YORK | 367748 | 2,596,205 |
| BANK OF NEW YORK | 392067 | 3,952,562 |
| BANK OF NEW YORK | 392177 | 313,638 |
| BARCLAYS CAPITAL NOMINEES LIM | | 754,502 |
| BNY (OCS) NOMINEES LTD | 221476 | 252,149 |
| BNY (OCS) NOMINEES LTD | 387173 | 123,795 |
| BOISS NOMINEES LTD | 4224361 | 394,969 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 16376 | 531,812 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 16649 | 41,844 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 16669 | 63,310 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 18243 | 123,823 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 19518 | 253,833 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 19519 | 2,464,292 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 19520 | 638,744 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 20947 | 36,769,332 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 21359 | 1,220,660 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 25772 | 520,077 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 27793 | 74,767 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 27795 | 114,340 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 27797 | 138,568 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 27799 | 299,495 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 27800 | 1,145,581 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 27802 | 40,008 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 28269 | 106,605 |

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| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 28270 | 590,971 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 28270 | 266,132 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD | 31961 | 1,347,971 |
| CIBC MELLON GLOBAL SECURITIES | | 34,666 |
| CITIBANK | 6010613363 | 333,841 |
| CITIBANK | 6010640794 | 252,237 |
| CITIBANK | 6010782807 | 275,601 |
| DEUTSCHE (BANKERS TRUST) | 501575013 | 378,406 |
| DEUTSCHE BANK LONDON | 8003168 | 30,331 |
| HSBC | 813168 | 808,840 |
| HSBC | 814537 | 80,198 |
| HSBC | 845315 | 23,453 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO | | 314,881 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO | | 841,643 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO | | 2,914,583 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO | | 10,802 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO | | 349,682 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO | | 111,024 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 16331 | 268,799 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 16341 | 667,949 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 16341 | 1,754,917 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 16344 | 400,264 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 16345 | 742,167 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 16400 | 8,915,859 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 16612 | 154,621 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 16621 | 186,353 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 16644 | 420,978 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 16901 | 127,521 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 18409 | 526,737 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 19514 | 128,618 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 27795 | 258,537 |

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| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 27799 | 785,257 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 28166 | 3,027,976 |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY) | 29514 | 117,527 |
| JPM FRANKFURT | 27717 | 67,625 |
| JP MORGAN CHASE BANK | | 360,275 |
| JP MORGAN CHASE BANK | | 381,288 |
| JP MORGAN CHASE BANK | | 479,984 |
| JP MORGAN CHASE BANK | | 6,566 |
| JP MORGAN CHASE BANK | | 188,365 |
| MELLON BANK | ABGFZ872482 | 745,728 |
| MELLON BANK | TGGF0003002 | 91,742 |
| MELLON TRUST - BOSTON & SF | | 128,392 |
| MELLON TRUST OF NEW ENGLAND | | 193,162 |
| MIDLAND BANK (HSBC BANK PLC) | 772823 | 1,951,762 |
| NORTHERN TRUST | CVS21 | 987,313 |
| NORTHERN TRUST | LIV02 | 746,036 |
| NORTHERN TRUST | SCO06 | 303,975 |
| NORTHERN TRUST | TNF01 | 384,795 |
| NORTHERN TRUST | USF06 | 193,023 |
| NORTHERN TRUST | USF12 | 1,760,355 |
| NORTHERN TRUST BANK - BGI SEPA | | 168,498 |
| NORTHERN TRUST BANK - BGI SEPA | | 41,732 |
| NORTHERN TRUST BANK - BGI SEPA | | 256,471 |
| R C GREIG NOMINEES LIMITED A/C | BL1 | 140,823 |
| R C GREIG NOMINEES LIMITED A/C | CM1 | 32,079 |
| R C GREIG NOMINEES LIMITED GP1 | GP1 | 34,067 |
| R C GREIG NOMINEES LIMITED SA1 | SA1 | 22,152 |
| STATE STREET | 2RJ2 | 127,458 |
| STATE STREET | JD12 | 447,165 |
| STATE STREET | N3B2 | 8,621 |
| STATE STREET | N3B6 | 273,550 |

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| STATE STREET | N3YZ | 10,446 |
| STATE STREET | VE4J | 205,686 |
| VIDACOS NOMINEES LIMITED | 6010830763 | 1,800,140 |
| ZEBAN NOMINEES LIMITED | | 21,700 |
| ZEBAN NOMINEES LIMITED | | 1,000 |
| | TOTAL | 97,332,138 |

5. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired

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6. Percentage of issued class

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7. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed

NOT NOTIFIED

8. Percentage of issued class

NOT NOTIFIED

9. Class of security

ORDINARY SHARES OF 3.3333 PENCE EACH

10. Date of transaction

HOLDING AS AT 28 SEPTEMBER 2004

11. Date company informed

01 OCTOBER 2004

12. Total holding following this notification

97,332,138

13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

10.20%

14. Any additional information

NOTIFICATION RECEIVED PURSUANT TO S198-202 COMPANIES ACT 1985 THAT THE SHAREHOLDER NAMED IN 2 ABOVE HAS DECREASED THEIR SHAREHOLDING IN SPIRENT PLC TO 10.20%. SHAREHOLDER PREVIOUSLY REPORTED A SHAREHOLDING OF 105,945,146 SHARES (11.17%) ON 12 MARCH 2004.

15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

MICHAEL ANSCOMBE - 01293 767672

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

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this notification

MICHAEL ANSCOMBE - ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY

Date of notification

01 OCTOBER 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 01 October 2004

By ____/s/ Luke Thomas____

(Signature)*