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Form 6-K  
March 14, 2006

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 March, 2006

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- \_\_\_\_\_

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1. Name of listed company

SPIRENT PLC

2. Name of shareholder with a major interest

BARCLAYS PLC

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3. Please state whether notification indicates that regarding the holding of the shareholder named in 2 above; 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 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

| Registered Holder                               | Account Designation | Holding    |
|---|---------------------|------------|
| BANK OF IRELAND                                 | 258227              | 888,556    |
| BANK OF IRELAND                                 | 4239749             | 1,483,297  |
| Bank of Ireland Nominees Limited                | CREST ID. 11X13     | 1,566,600  |
| BANK OF NEW YORK                                | 210405              | 1,009,027  |
| BANK OF NEW YORK                                | 214075              | 5,492,767  |
| BANK OF NEW YORK                                | 221428              | 832,837    |
| BANK OF NEW YORK                                | 367748              | 2,907,094  |
| BANK OF NEW YORK                                | 392067              | 3,326,323  |
| BANK OF NEW YORK                                | 768198              | 257,328    |
| BARCLAYS CAPITAL NOMINEES LIMITED               |                     | -69,908    |
| BARCLAYS CAPITAL NOMINEES LIMITED               |                     | -154,411   |
| BARCLAYS CAPITAL NOMINEES LIMITED               |                     | 346,210    |
| BARCLAYS CAPITAL NOMINEES LIMITED               |                     | 1,940,562  |
| Barclays Noms Monument R97 C 000000000000000000 |                     | 1,053      |
| Barclays Trust Co & Others                      |                     | 8,077      |
| BNP PARIBAS                                     |                     | 63,549     |
| BNY (OCS) NOMINEES LTD                          | 221476              | 315,354    |
| BOISS NOMINEES LTD                              | 4224361             | 567,086    |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD                              | 16376               | 527,631    |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD                              | 16669               | 134,728    |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD                              | 18243               | 123,823    |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD                              | 19518               | 350,116    |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD                              | 19519               | 2,633,656  |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD                              | 20947               | 36,805,116 |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD                              | 21359               | 1,483,196  |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD                              | 25772               | 849,762    |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD                              | 27793               | 56,306     |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD                              | 27797               | 138,568    |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD                              | 27800               | 1,037,801  |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD                              | 28270               | 908,176    |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD                              | 28270               | 307,679    |
| CHASE NOMINEES LTD                              | 31961               | 1,306,245  |
| CIBC MELLON GLOBAL SECURITIES                   |                     | 42,140     |
| CITIBANK  | 6010640794          | 241,026    |
| CITIBANK  | 6010782807          | 462,289    |
| DEUTSCHE BANK LONDON                            | 8003168             | 30,331     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited                        | 603856              | 1,208      |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited                        | 642367              | 13,000     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited                        | 647291              | 8,500      |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited                        | 650668              | 13,000     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited                        | 653035              | 13,000     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited                        | 660632              | 6,000      |

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| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 660758      | 35,000      |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 660851      | 30,000      |
| Greig Middleton Nominees Limited (GM1) |             | 220,787     |
| Greig Middleton Nominees Limited (GM1) |             | 11,750      |
| HSBC                                   | 813168      | 855,040     |
| HSBC                                   | 845315      | 27,190      |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO.           |             | 22,464      |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO.           |             | 874,807     |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO.           |             | 221,432     |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO.           |             | 2,130,422   |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO.           |             | 54,686      |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO.           |             | 70,520      |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)                | 16331       | 268,775     |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)                | 16341       | 560,581     |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)                | 16341       | 2,160,554   |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)                | 16344       | 687,727     |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)                | 16345       | 1,158,601   |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)                | 16400       | 9,953,381   |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)                | 16612       | 342,149     |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)                | 16621       | 277,635     |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)                | 16901       | 167,869     |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)                | 18409       | 791,821     |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)                | 19514       | 141,755     |
| JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)                | 28166       | 2,892,184   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                    |             | 399,337     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                    |             | 555,319     |
| MELLON BANK                            | ABGFZ872482 | 579,322     |
| MELLON BANK                            | TGGF0003002 | 295,962     |
| Mellon Trust - US CUSTODIAN /          |             | 102,247     |
| MELLON TRUST OF NEW ENGLAND            |             | 101,660     |
| MIDLAND BANK (HSBC BANK PLC)           | 772823      | 2,464,273   |
| NORTHERN TRUST                         | CVS21       | 1,242,437   |
| NORTHERN TRUST                         | SCO06       | 303,975     |
| NORTHERN TRUST                         | TNF01       | 532,061     |
| NORTHERN TRUST                         | UKE01       | 1,049,771   |
| NORTHERN TRUST                         | USF12       | 1,681,150   |
| NORTHERN TRUST BANK - BGI SEPA         |             | 136,835     |
| NORTHERN TRUST BANK - BGI SEPA         |             | 35,400      |
| NORTHERN TRUST BANK - BGI SEPA         |             | 150,770     |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited             |             | 940,952     |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited             |             | 349,173     |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c AK1     |             | 737,063     |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c AK1     |             | 100,645     |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c BL1     |             | 98,672      |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c BL1     |             | 32,933      |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c CM1     |             | 6,650       |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c CM1     |             | 24,646      |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited GP1         |             | 64,089      |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited GP1         |             | 51,481      |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited SA1         |             | 31,232      |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited SA1         |             | 65,680      |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited SA1         | WIVE002     | 1,033       |
| STATE STREET                           | 2RJ2        | 103,736     |
| STATE STREET                           | JD12        | 482,919     |
| STATE STREET                           | JFBL        | 594,987     |
| STATE STREET                           | N3YZ        | 10,871      |
| STATE STREET TRUST OF CANADA -         |             | 96,482      |
| The Northern Trust Company - U         |             | 68,739      |
| ZEBAN NOMINEES LIMITED                 |             | 1,000       |
| ZEBAN NOMINEES LIMITED                 |             | 1,700       |
| Group Holding                          |             | 105,727,030 |

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5. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired

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6. Percentage of issued class (any treasury shares held by the listed company should not be taken into account when calculating percentage)

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7. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed

NOT KNOWN

8. Percentage of issued class (any treasury shares held by the listed company should not be taken into account when calculating percentage)

NOT KNOWN

9. Class of security

ORDINARY SHARES OF 3.3333 PENCE EACH

10. Date of transaction

HOLDING AS AT 9 MARCH 2006

11. Date company informed

13 MARCH 2006

12. Total holding following this notification

105,727,030

13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification (any treasury shares held by the listed company should not be taken into account when calculating percentage)

10.91%

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14. Any additional information

SHAREHOLDER PREVIOUSLY REPORTED A SHAREHOLDING OF 114,823,988 (11.88%)  
ON 28 FEBRUARY 2006.

15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

MICHAEL ANSCOMBE - 01293 767672

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

MICHAEL ANSCOMBE - DEPUTY COMPANY SECRETARY

Date of notification

14 MARCH 2006

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 14 March, 2006

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

(Signature)\*