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Registration No. 333-57031

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 SkillSoft Public Limited Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Republic of Ireland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

Not Applicable

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

107 Northeastern Boulevard Nashua, New Hampshire

03062

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

THE FOREFRONT GROUP, INC. AMENDED AND RESTATED 1996 STOCK OPTION PLAN

(Full Title of the Plan)

Charles E. Moran

President and Chief Executive Officer SkillSoft Public Limited Company

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Nashua, New Hampshire 03062

(Name and Address of Agent For Service)

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Explanatory Note:

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-57031 (the Registration Statement) is being filed to deregister certain Ordinary Shares of SkillSoft Public Limited Company (the Company) that were registered pursuant to the Company s Forefront Group, Inc. Amended And Restated 1996 Stock Option Plan (the Plan).

The Registration Statement registered 798,780 (as adjusted for stock splits occurring subsequent to the filing of the Registration Statement) Ordinary Shares issuable under the Plan. An aggregate of 456,101 Ordinary Shares were issued to participants under the Plan. The Plan has been terminated, and no additional shares will be issued thereunder. The Registration Statement is hereby amended to deregister the remaining 342,679 Ordinary Shares reserved for issuance under the Plan that remain unsold.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements of filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Nashua, State of New Hampshire on April 20, 2006.

SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

/s/ Charles E. Moran Charles E. Moran President and Chief Executive Officer