SPIRENT PLC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 December, 2003

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)

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Paul Cheng non-executive Director to retire

Spirent plc (LSE: SPT; NYSE: SPM), a leading international network technology company, today announced that with effect from the year end Mr Paul Cheng (67) will retire from the Board.

Commenting, John Weston, Chairman of Spirent, said:

"Paul has been a non-executive director since 1996 and has assisted in overseeing the transformation of Spirent into a global technology company. We extend our thanks to him for his valuable contribution to the Group and wish him every success in the future."

Spirent recently appointed Andrew Given as non-executive director. With Mr Cheng's retirement the Board size remains at six non-executive directors and three executive directors.

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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, deploy and assure 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

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 Depositary 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 12 December 2003 By _____/s/ Luke Thomas_____

(Signature)*