



SPIRENT COMMUNICATIONS PLC

First Quarter Trading Update

London, UK - 5 May 2015: Spirent Communications plc (“Spirent”, the “Company” or the “Group”) (LSE: SPT), a leading communications technology company, today issues the following Trading Update for the period from 1 January to the date of this announcement ahead of its Annual General Meeting to be held at 1.00 pm today. All figures relating to trading are for the period 1 January to 31 March 2015.

Trading to date

We indicated in February’s preliminary results announcement that activity levels at the start of 2015 would be muted following a strong finish to 2014. We also said that it would be exacerbated by the timing of a \$16 million shipment of hand-held test tools scheduled for the second half of 2015 compared to \$12 million shipped in the first quarter of 2014.

Order intake in the first quarter was \$99.4 million compared with \$101.7 million for the first quarter of 2014. Growth in the Wireless & Service Experience and Service Assurance divisions was countered by a soft start to the period in Networks & Applications before we saw a sharp increase in demand in that division at the end of the quarter.

Regionally, strong order growth in North America of 7 per cent against the first quarter of 2014 was offset by weaker demand in APAC and EMEA, down 11 per cent and 9 per cent respectively, as customers in these regions were slow to release budgets.

Revenue for the period was \$96.6 million compared with \$111.9 million for the first quarter of 2014 as many orders were received too late in the quarter to be converted into revenue, demonstrated by a book to bill ratio of 103. The lower revenue resulted in an adjusted operating loss for the period of \$3.6 million (first quarter 2014: adjusted operating profit \$11.4 million).

Results

The results for the first quarter of 2015 are set out below:

\$ million	1 st quarter 2015	1 st quarter 2014
Order intake	99.4	101.7
Revenue	96.6	111.9
Adjusted operating (loss)/profit ¹	(3.6)	11.4
Free cash flow ²	12.5	2.9

Notes

1 Adjusted operating profit is before charging acquisition related costs, acquired intangible asset amortisation and share-based payment.

2 Operating cash flow after tax, net interest and net capital expenditure.

Cash position

In the first quarter of 2015 free cash inflow was \$12.5 million (first quarter 2014: \$2.9 million) which included the receipt of tax repayments of \$4.0 million. As expected, the increase in working capital in the fourth quarter of 2014 was released during the period.

Cash and cash equivalents closed at \$109.6 million (31 December 2014: \$99.8 million).

Outlook

Following the anticipated slow start to 2015, order activity is showing signs of gaining momentum. There are a number of major new solutions that will be delivered to the market in the second half of 2015 as we see the benefits of our investments come through and we expect to see an increased level of demand as the year unfolds. The Board remains confident that further progress will be achieved broadly in line with its expectations during 2015 and that the Group will benefit from the continued investment it has made to create long term strategic value.

Board appointment

The Board is pleased to announce that Tom Lantzsch will be appointed as a non-executive director with effect from 11 May 2015 and will become a member of the Audit, Remuneration and Nomination Committees.

Tom is Executive Vice President Strategy at ARM Holdings and he has held a variety of senior leadership roles in technology industries over the last 30 years.

Commenting on Tom's appointment, Alex Walker, Chairman of Spirent, said

"We are delighted to have Tom joining the Spirent Board. He has broad experience of our industry and his knowledge will be a substantial asset to the Board."

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We expect to announce our Half-year Results on Thursday 6 August 2015.

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Eric Hutchinson, Chief Executive Officer and Rachel Whiting, Chief Financial Officer, will host a conference call for analysts and investors to discuss the Trading Update, commencing at 8.00 am UK time on Tuesday 5 May 2015.

Dial in details are as follows:

*Conference ID 36498564
Participant UK Free – 08000 731340
Participant Std International - 01452 569393
Participant Free United States – 1 866 434 1089*

Appointment of Tom Lantzsch: Director Declaration

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Directorships of Publicly Quoted Companies held in the last 5 years:
None
Interests in Spirent securities (Ordinary shares of 3 & 1/3 pence each)
None

The Company confirms that there are no other matters requiring disclosure in relation to UKLA Listing Rule 9.6.13R.

About Spirent Communications plc

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Spirent Communications plc Ordinary Shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange (ticker: SPT). The Company operates a Level 1 American Depositary Receipt ("ADR") programme with each ADR representing four Spirent Communications plc Ordinary Shares. The ADRs trade in the US over-the-counter ("OTC") market under the symbol SPMYY and the CUSIP number is 84856M209. Spirent ADRs are quoted on the Pink OTC Markets electronic quotation service which can be found at <http://www.otcmarkets.com/otc-pink/home>.

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