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**Spirent Communications plc**

**Update on Recommended Cash Acquisition of Spirent Communications plc by Keysight Technologies, Inc.**

On 28 March 2024, the boards of Spirent Communications plc (London Stock Exchange Symbol: SPT) ("**Spirent**" or the "**Company**") and Keysight Technologies, Inc. (NYSE: KEYS) ("**Keysight**") announced that they had reached an agreement on the terms and conditions of a recommended all-cash acquisition of the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Spirent (the "**Acquisition**"), to be effected through a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006. On 22 May 2024, the relevant resolutions proposed at the Court Meeting and General Meeting of Spirent Shareholders relating to the Acquisition were duly passed.

On 2 December 2024, Keysight announced that in connection with satisfying the regulatory conditions set out in the Scheme Document it had commenced a competitive auction process to divest Spirent's high-speed ethernet and network security business lines.

Today, Keysight announced that it has entered into an agreement with Viavi Solutions, Inc. ("**Viavi**") (NASDAQ: VIAV) for the sale of Spirent's high-speed ethernet and network security business lines (the "**Divestment Business**") to Viavi. The sale of the Divestment Business is subject to customary conditions, including receipt of certain regulatory approvals and completion of Keysight's acquisition of Spirent. Keysight currently expects the sale of the Divestment Business to complete shortly after the Acquisition becoming effective.

Completion of the Acquisition remains subject to the satisfaction or (if capable of waiver) waiver of the remaining conditions to the Acquisition set out in Part III of the Scheme Document, including the Condition relating to sanction of the Scheme by the Court.

As noted in the Keysight announcement dated 3 March 2025, Keysight remains committed to working quickly and constructively with the relevant regulatory authorities to satisfy the Conditions to the Acquisition. With support and assistance from Spirent, Keysight continues to actively work towards the Scheme becoming effective during the first half of Keysight's current fiscal year (period ending 30 April 2025). The precise timing for completion of the Acquisition remains subject to receipt of the outstanding regulatory clearances. The parties continue to keep the timetable under close review and will provide any updates as required.

Spirent notes that, on 7 October 2024, Keysight and Spirent entered into an amendment to a non-disclosure agreement between the parties and a clean team agreement between the parties, dated 9 March 2024 and 10 March 2024 respectively (the "**Amendment Letter**"). A copy of the Amendment Letter will be made available on Spirent and Keysight websites at <https://corporate.spirent.com/> and <https://investor.keysight.com/investor-resources/proposed-acquisition-of-spirent/>.

Capitalised terms in this announcement, unless otherwise defined, have the same meanings given to them in the scheme circular in relation to the Acquisition published on 25 April 2024 (the "**Scheme Document**").

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