First Derivatives plc ("First Derivatives" or the "Company")

Director Shareholding

First Derivatives (AIM: FDP.L, ESM:FDP.I), a leading provider of software and consulting services to the capital markets industry, has been notified that Mr Michael O'Neill, Non Executive Director and founder shareholder, yesterday sold 330,000 shares in the Company at a price of 535 pence per share. The shares were placed by Charles Stanley Securities and Goodbody with institutional investors.

Following this transaction Mr O'Neill retains a holding 310,000 ordinary shares representing approximately 1.81 per cent. of the issued share capital of the Company.

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About First Derivatives

First Derivatives is a global provider of software and consulting services to the financial services industry. With over 15 years experience working with leading financial institutions, it continues to deliver technologically advanced, award winning products and services that anticipate and respond to the evolving needs of global capital markets.

First Derivatives currently employs over 720 people worldwide and counts many of the world's top investment banks, brokers and hedge funds as its customers. It has operations in London, New York, Stockholm, Shanghai, Singapore, Toronto, Sydney, Dublin, Newry and Hong Kong.