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

Issue of Equity from exercise of Share Options

First Derivatives (AIM: FDP.L, ESM: FDP.I), a leading provider of software and consulting services to the capital markets industry, announces the issue and allotment of 12,000 new ordinary shares of 0.5p each in the Company (the "New Ordinary Shares") pursuant to the exercise of share options by certain employees.

Application has been made for the New Ordinary Shares to be admitted to trading on AIM and ESM and it is expected that admission will take place on 11 December 2014. The New Ordinary Shares will rank *pari passu* with the existing shares of the Company. Following this allotment, the total issued share capital of the Company will increase to 21,574,584 ordinary shares.

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