

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO

Form 6-K

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rules 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Dated July 23, 2004

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

VODAFONE HOUSE, THE CONNECTION, NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE, RG14 2FN, ENGLAND

(Address of principal executive offices)

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This Report on Form 6-K contains the following:-

1. News release dated June 29, 2004 entitled VODAFONE GROUP SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES TENDER OFFER FOR SHARES IN VODAFONE HOLDINGS K.K.

2. News release dated July 22, 2004 entitled VODAFONE GROUP SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES OFFER FOR SHARES IN VODAFONE K.K. SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL FOR MERGER OF VODAFONE HOLDINGS K.K. AND VODAFONE K.K. RECEIVED

29 June 2004

VODAFONE GROUP SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES TENDER OFFER FOR SHARES IN

VODAFONE HOLDINGS K.K.

Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone) announces that the public offer made by its wholly-owned subsidiary, Vodafone International Holdings B.V. (Vodafone International), for the shares which Vodafone and its subsidiaries (Vodafone Group) did not already own in Vodafone Holdings K.K. (the Vodafone Holdings K.K. Offer) closed for acceptances on 28 June 2004.

Vodafone International has been informed by its tender offer agents, Nomura Securities Co., Ltd. and UBS Securities Japan Ltd, that at the close of the Vodafone Holdings K.K. Offer 526,794 shares have been tendered. The Vodafone Holdings K.K. Offer price was ¥300,000. On settlement, Vodafone Group s ownership in Vodafone Holdings K.K. will be approximately 96.08%. Settlement is expected to commence on 6 July 2004.

The aggregate consideration for the shares acquired through the Vodafone Holdings K.K. Offer and market purchases of Vodafone Holdings K.K. shares made between 26 May and 7 June 2004 is approximately ¥281.6 billion (£1.4 billion).

In accordance with Tokyo Stock Exchange rules, the delisting of Vodafone Holdings K.K. is expected to occur after 31 March 2005.

Further to the announcement by Vodafone on 25 May 2004, regarding the offer made by Vodafone International for the shares which Vodafone Group did not already own in Vodafone K.K. (the Vodafone K.K. Offer), Vodafone announces that valid tenders have been received for 25,117 shares representing an approximate 4.69% interest in Vodafone K.K. On settlement of the shares acquired through the Vodafone K.K. Offer and the Vodafone Holdings K.K. Offer, Vodafone Group s economic interest in Vodafone K.K. will be approximately 87.68%. The Vodafone K.K. Offer acceptance period ends on 21 July 2004.

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22 July 2004

**VODAFONE GROUP SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES OFFER FOR SHARES IN
VODAFONE K.K.**

**SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL FOR MERGER OF VODAFONE
HOLDINGS K.K. AND
VODAFONE K.K. RECEIVED**

Further to the announcement made by Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone) on 25 May 2004, Vodafone announces that the offer made by its wholly-owned subsidiary, Vodafone International Holdings B.V. (Vodafone International), for the shares which Vodafone and its subsidiaries (Vodafone Group) did not already own in Vodafone K.K. (the Vodafone K.K. Offer) closed for acceptances on 21 July 2004.

Valid tenders have been received for 81,539 shares representing approximately a 15.22% interest in Vodafone K.K. and approximately 99.94% of the total shares tendered for by Vodafone International.

The aggregate consideration for the shares acquired through the Vodafone K.K. Offer is approximately ¥193.3 billion (£967 million).

Separately, the shareholders of Vodafone K.K. voted today at an Extraordinary General Meeting to approve the merger of Vodafone K.K. and Vodafone Holdings K.K. (the Merger). The Merger was also approved by the shareholders of Vodafone Holdings K.K. at its Annual General Meeting, which took place on 29 June. Accordingly, subject to regulatory approval, the Merger will become effective on 1 October 2004. Based on its current ownership in Vodafone Holdings K.K. and Vodafone K.K. (after settlement of the Vodafone K.K. Offer), Vodafone Group will have approximately a 97.68% interest in the merged company, to be renamed Vodafone K.K., when the Merger becomes effective.

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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 authorised.

VODAFONE GROUP
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
(Registrant)

Dated: July 23, 2004

By: /s/ S R SCOTT

Name:

Stephen R. Scott

Title:

Company Secretary
