

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO
Form 6-K
July 31, 2003

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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 31, 2003**

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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes No

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This Report on Form 6-K contains a news release issued by Vodafone Group Plc on July 30, 2003, entitled Luc Vandeveldelde to become Non-Executive Director of Vodafone Group Plc .

30 July 2003

LUC VANDEVELDE TO BECOME NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VODAFONE GROUP PLC

Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone) is pleased to announce that Luc Vandeveldel has accepted an invitation to join the Board of Vodafone and that he will become a Non-Executive Director on 1 September 2003.

Commenting on the appointment, Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth DL, Chairman of Vodafone, said I am delighted that Luc is joining Vodafone. He brings with him many years of experience and a track record of success gained in retailing and consumer goods, and has a deserved reputation as an international businessman of considerable standing. His financial, management and marketing skills in international business will be of great value to the Board .

Born in Belgium, Luc Vandeveldel, aged 52, is Chairman of Marks & Spencer plc, the UK s largest clothes retailer and one of the country s best known brands. Before joining Marks & Spencer in 2000 he was CEO of Promodes, Vice Chairman of Carrefour, and he previously held senior European and international roles with Kraft/General Foods.

In addition to his role at Marks & Spencer, he is Executive Chairman of Change Capital Partners, a private equity fund.

With effect from 1 September 2003, the composition of the Board of Vodafone will be:

Lord MacLaurin Chairman

Arun Sarin Chief Executive

Paul Hazen Deputy Chairman

Peter Bamford Chief Marketing Officer

Vittorio Colao CEO, Southern Europe Middle East and Africa Region

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Thomas Geitner Chief Technology Officer Group Technology & Business Integration

Julian Horn-Smith Group Chief Operating Officer

Ken Hydon Financial Director

Dr Michael Boskin Non-executive Director

Sir Alec Broers Non-executive Director

Dr John Buchanan Non-executive Director

Penny Hughes Non-executive Director

Sir David Scholey Non-executive Director

Jürgen Schrempp Non-executive Director

Luc Vandavelde Non-executive Director

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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 31, 2003

By: /s/ S R SCOTT

Name: Stephen R. Scott

Title: Company Secretary
