

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

Dated June 17 2011

Commission File Number: 001-10086

**VODAFONE GROUP
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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 a news release issued by Vodafone Group Plc on 16 June 2011, entitled Vodafone Announces Completion of the Disposal of its Stake in SFR

16 June 2011

VODAFONE ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF THE DISPOSAL OF ITS STAKE IN SFR

Further to the announcement on 4 April 2011, and following clearance of the transaction by the relevant competition and regulatory authorities, Vodafone¹ today announces the completion of the disposal of its entire 44% shareholding in SFR to Vivendi.

Vodafone has received a cash consideration of 7.75 billion (£6.8 billion²) from Vivendi and a final dividend from SFR of 200 million (£176 million). Vodafone and SFR have also entered into a Partner Market agreement which will maintain their commercial co-operation.

The £4 billion associated share buyback programme will commence shortly.

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Important information

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the US Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to the anticipated return and use of the net proceeds of sale from Vodafone's disposal of its shareholding in SFR, and its service offerings in Europe. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. A review of the reasons why actual results and developments may differ materially from the expectations disclosed or implied within forward-looking statements can be found by referring to the information contained under the headings Forward-looking statements and Principal risk factors and uncertainties in Vodafone Group Plc's Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2011. The Annual Report can be found on Vodafone's website (www.vodafone.com/investor). All subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to Vodafone or any member of the Vodafone group or any persons acting on their behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the factors referred to above. No assurances can be given that the forward-looking statements in this press release will be realised. Except as otherwise stated herein and as may be required to comply with applicable law and regulations, Vodafone does not intend to update these forward-looking statements and does not undertake any obligation to do so.

About Vodafone

Vodafone is one of the world's largest mobile communications companies by revenue with approximately 371 million customers in its controlled and jointly controlled markets as at 31 March 2011. Vodafone currently has equity interests in over 30 countries across five continents and more than 40 partner networks worldwide. For more information, please visit www.vodafone.com.

About Vivendi

Vivendi, through its subsidiaries, conducts operations ranging from music, games and television to film and telecommunications. The company provides digital and pay television services, sells music compact discs (CDs), develops and distributes interactive entertainment, and operates mobile and fixed-line telecommunications.

www.vivendi.com

About SFR

Société Française du Radiotéléphone (SFR) is a telecommunications company. The company designs, builds and operates telephone systems for fixed and mobile phones, designs, builds, commercializes, and operates any system, equipment, services or networks in relation to voice and data transmission in France. SFR also operates fixed and fibre-to-the-home network and systems.

www.sfr.fr

Notes

1 The seller is Vodafone S.A., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Vodafone Group

2 At an exchange rate of £: 1.13

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: 17 June 2011

By: /s/ R E S MARTIN
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