

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO

Form 6-K

August 11, 2011

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

Dated August 11, 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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Yes_____

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This Report on Form 6-K contains a news release issued by Vodafone Group Plc on 10 August 2011 entitled Piramal Healthcare to Acquire 5.5% Stake in Vodafone Essar .

10 August 2011

PIRAMAL HEALTHCARE TO ACQUIRE 5.5% STAKE IN VODAFONE ESSAR

Vodafone Group (Vodafone) and Piramal Healthcare (Piramal) today announced that Piramal has agreed to purchase approximately 5.5% of the issued equity share capital of Vodafone Essar Limited (VEL) from ETHL Communications Holdings Limited (Essar) for cash consideration of approximately US\$640 million (£400 million¹).

The transaction follows the settlement between Vodafone and Essar over the sale of Essar 's approximately 33% stake in VEL, announced on 1 July 2011.

The transaction contemplates various exit mechanisms for Piramal, including both participation in a potential initial public offering of VEL and a sale of its stake to Vodafone².

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About Vodafone

Vodafone is one of the world's largest mobile communications companies by revenue with approximately 382 million customers in its controlled and jointly controlled markets as at 30 June 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.

1 At an exchange rate of £1.00:US\$1.60

2 The value of 100% of the gross assets of VEL as at 31 March 2011 was US\$14.0 billion (£8.7 billion¹)

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: August 11, 2011

By: /s/ R E S MARTIN
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Title: Group General Counsel and Company Secretary