

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO  
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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 May 21, 2012

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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## **Recommended Cash Offer**

**for**

**Cable & Wireless Worldwide plc ( CWW )**

**by**

**Vodafone Europe B.V. ( Vodafone )**

## **Publication of Scheme Document**

On 23 April 2012, CWW and Vodafone announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended Offer to be made by Vodafone for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of CWW. The Offer is to be implemented by means of a scheme of arrangement (the **Scheme** ).

CWW and Vodafone are pleased to announce that the circular relating to the Scheme (the **Scheme Document** ) is being sent to CWW Shareholders today. The Scheme Document sets out, amongst other things, the full terms and conditions of the Scheme, an explanatory statement, notices of the required meetings, a timetable of principal events and details of the action to be taken by CWW Shareholders. As described in the Scheme Document, the Scheme will require the approval of CWW Shareholders at the Court Meeting and the passing of a special resolution at the General Meeting, and then the approval of the Court.

The Scheme Document will also be available subject to certain restrictions on the CWW website ([www.cw.com/investors/](http://www.cw.com/investors/)) and the Vodafone Group Plc website ([www.vodafone.com/investor](http://www.vodafone.com/investor)) up to and including the end of the Offer.

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The Court Meeting and the General Meeting to approve the Scheme are scheduled to be held at 11.00 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. respectively on 18 June 2012 at the offices of Herbert Smith LLP, Exchange House, Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2HS.

Subject to approval at the relevant meetings, Court approval and the satisfaction or waiver of the other Conditions set out in the Scheme Document (including competition and regulatory approvals), the Scheme is expected to become effective on or around 27 July 2012.

## Vodafone Group Plc

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The expected timetable of principal events is set out below:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time and/or date (2012)</i>
Latest time for lodging blue Forms of Proxy for the Court Meeting	11.00 a.m. on 16 June
Latest time for lodging white Forms of Proxy for the General Meeting	11.15 a.m. on 16 June
Voting Record Time for Court Meeting and General Meeting	6.00 p.m. on 16 June
Court Meeting	11.00 a.m. on 18 June
General Meeting	11.15 a.m. on 18 June
Scheme Record Time	6.00 p.m. on 25 July
Suspension of listing and dealings in CWW Shares and disablement of CWW Shares in CREST	7.30 a.m. on 26 July
Scheme Court Hearing	26 July
Effective Date	27 July
Cancellation of listings and dealings in CWW Shares	by no later than 8.00 a.m. on 30 July
Latest date of despatch of cheques and settlement through CREST or other form of payment	by 10 August
Latest date for Scheme to become effective	30 November

Defined terms used but not defined in this announcement have the meanings set out in the Scheme Document.

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*The Offer relates to shares of an English company and is proposed to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under the laws of England and Wales. The scheme of arrangement will relate to the shares of an English company i.e. a foreign private issuer as defined under rule 3b-4 under the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the **Exchange Act**). A transaction effected by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to proxy solicitation or tender offer rules under the Exchange Act. Accordingly, the Offer is subject to the disclosure requirements, rules and practices applicable in the United Kingdom to schemes of arrangement, which differ from the requirements of US proxy solicitation and tender offer rules. Financial information included in the relevant documentation will have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable to the UK that may not be comparable to the financial statements of US companies.*

### **Publication on Website**

*A copy of this announcement will be made available, free of charge, (subject to any applicable restrictions with respect to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions) on [www.cw.com/investors/](http://www.cw.com/investors/) and [www.vodafone.com/investor](http://www.vodafone.com/investor) by no later than 12 noon (London time) on the day following publication of this announcement.*

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: May 21, 2012

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