

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 September 16, 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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Yes No

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This Report on Form 6-K contains a news release issued by Vodafone Group Plc on September 15, 2004, entitled SIR JOHN BOND TO BECOME NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VODAFONE .

15 September 2004

SIR JOHN BOND TO BECOME NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VODAFONE

Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone) announces that Sir John Bond has accepted an invitation to join the Board of Vodafone and that he will become a Non-Executive Director on 1 January 2005.

Commenting on the appointment, Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth DL, Chairman of Vodafone, said I am delighted that John is joining Vodafone. He brings with him many years of experience and a track record of success in international markets, particularly in Asia and the Americas. His financial skills, as well as his knowledge of issues facing a global business, will be of great benefit to the Board and I hope John will be with us for many years.

Sir John Bond, knighted for services to banking in 1999, aged 63, is Group Chairman of HSBC Holdings plc; HSBC has a presence in 76 countries around the world. He has spent 25 years working in Asia, in Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia, and 5 years working in the USA. He became Group Chief Executive in 1993 and was appointed Group Chairman in 1998.

In addition to his role at HSBC, Sir John is a Non-Executive Director of the Ford Motor Company.

With effect from 1 January 2005, 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

Thomas Geitner - Chief Technology Officer

Sir Julian Horn-Smith - Group Chief Operating Officer

Ken Hydon* - Financial Director

Sir John Bond - Non-Executive Director

Dr Michael Boskin - Non-Executive Director

Lord Broers - Non-Executive Director

John Buchanan - Non-Executive Director

Penny Hughes - Non-Executive Director

Sir David Scholey* - Non-Executive Director

Professor Jürgen Schrempp - Non-Executive Director

Luc Vandavelde - Non-Executive Director

*Retiring at AGM in 2005

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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: September 16, 2004

By: /s/ S R SCOTT
Name: Stephen R. Scott
Title: Company Secretary