

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO

Form 6-K

November 01, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

Dated November 1, 2002

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

THE COURTYARD, 2-4 LONDON ROAD, NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE, RG14 1JX, ENGLAND

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No

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This Report on Form 6-K contains a press release issued by Vodafone Group Plc on October 31, 2002, entitled STATEMENT RE VODAFONE S OFFER TO VIVENDI .

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STATEMENT RE VODAFONE S OFFER TO VIVENDI

On 16 October 2002, Vodafone Group Plc announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Vodafone AG, had made a 6.77 billion cash offer for Vivendi Universal S.A. s (Vivendi) entire interests in Cegetel Groupe S.A.

On 29 October 2002, the Board of Vivendi announced it had decided not to accept Vodafone AG s offer.

Vodafone AG s offer, which was open until 30 October 2002, has now lapsed.

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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: November 1, 2002

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