

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO

Form 6-K

December 06, 2002

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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 December 06, 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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No

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This Report on Form 6-K contains a press release issued by Vodafone Group Plc on December 06, 2002, entitled NEW NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR VODAFONE GROUP PLC .

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NEW NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR VODAFONE GROUP PLC

Vodafone Group Plc is pleased to announce that Dr John Buchanan has accepted an invitation to join the Board of Vodafone Group Plc and that he will become a Non-Executive Director on 1 April 2003.

Commenting on the appointment, Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth DL, Chairman of Vodafone Group Plc, said I am delighted that John is joining Vodafone. He brings with him many years of experience and a track record of success gained in one of the largest and most complex businesses in the world. His financial and management skills in multinational business will further strengthen the Board .

John Buchanan, aged 59, recently retired from the Board of BP Plc after more than 30 years with the company. His most recent position was Group Chief Financial Officer which he held through a period of major transformation for BP. During his career he has held various leadership roles in strategic, financial, operational and marketing posts, including executive experience in different countries.

Born in New Zealand, Dr Buchanan gained an MSc with first class honours and a PhD in Organic Chemistry at the University of Auckland.

He is a Non-Executive Director of AstraZeneca plc, BHP Billiton and The Boots Company plc.

This appointment brings the strength of the Vodafone Group Plc Board to 15, six Executive Directors and nine Non-Executive Directors.

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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: December 6, 2002

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