

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 December 11, 2013

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**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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This Report on Form 6-K contains a news release dated 10 December 2013 entitled PUBLICATION OF CIRCULAR RELATING TO THE PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF VODAFONE'S US GROUP WHOSE PRINCIPAL ASSET IS ITS 45% INTEREST IN VERIZON WIRELESS, PROPOSED RETURN OF VALUE TO SHAREHOLDERS AND OTHER MATTERS

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10 December 2013

**Publication of Circular relating to the proposed disposal of Vodafone's US group whose principal asset is its 45% interest in Verizon Wireless, proposed return of value to shareholders and other matters**

Vodafone announces today that the shareholder circular (the "Circular") relating to the proposed disposal of its US group whose principal asset is its 45% interest in Verizon Wireless ("VZW"), the related acquisition of the outstanding minority stake in Vodafone Italy (together, the "Transactions"), the proposed return of value to shareholders ( Return of Value ), the related consolidation of the Company's ordinary shares (the Share Consolidation ) and other matters, has been approved by the UK Listing Authority and is available for viewing on the Company's website [www.vodafone.com/investor](http://www.vodafone.com/investor).

The Circular contains notices convening a Court Meeting to be held at 11.00 a.m. on 28 January 2014 and a General Meeting to be held at 11.15 a.m. on the same day, to consider and, if thought fit, approve the Transactions, the Return of Value, the Share Consolidation and related matters. Both meetings will be held at the Hilton London Metropole Hotel, 225 Edgware Road, London W2 1JU.

The Circular will be posted to shareholders shortly, together with forms of proxy for the Court Meeting and the General Meeting, a guide for certificated shareholders which provides assistance on the Transactions, the Return of Value, the Share Consolidation and on completing the related forms, and other accompanying documents. A copy of the Circular has been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will shortly be available for inspection at: [www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM](http://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM).

The Transactions and the Return of Value remain subject to customary closing conditions, including approval by shareholders at the Court Meeting and the General Meeting and approval by Verizon shareholders. The Transactions and the Return of Value are expected to complete on or around 21 February 2014. Further details of the Transactions, the Return of Value and the Share Consolidation, and of the expected timetable of events leading to their completion, are set out in the Circular.

**Expected timetable of principal events:**

Event	Time / Date
Court Meeting	11.00 a.m. on 28 January 2014
General Meeting	11.15 a.m. on 28 January 2014
Verizon Special Meeting	3.00p.m. (10.00 a.m. New York time) on 28 January 2014
Completion of the Transactions	21 February 2014
Share consolidation and commencement of trading in New Ordinary Shares	8.00 a.m. on 24 February 2014
Verizon shares issued to shareholders	From 08.00 a.m. on 24 February 2014
Payment of cash entitlements under the Return of Value	4 March 2014

**Enquiries:**

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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 11, 2013

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