

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO
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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 July 27, 2005

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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This Report on Form 6-K contains a news release issued by Vodafone Group Plc on July 26, 2005, entitled **PHILIP YEA TO BECOME NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VODAFONE** .

26 July 2005

PHILIP YEA TO BECOME NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VODAFONE

Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone) announces that Philip Yea has been appointed as a Non-Executive Director with effect from 1 September 2005.

Philip Yea, aged 50, is the Chief Executive Officer of 3i Group plc, having been appointed to that role in July 2004. Prior to joining 3i he was Managing Director of Investcorp and, from 1997 to 1999, the Group Finance Director of Diageo plc following the merger of Guinness plc, where he was Finance Director, and Grand Metropolitan plc. He has previously held non-executive roles at HBOS plc and Manchester United plc.

Commenting on the appointment, Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth DL, Chairman of Vodafone, said I am delighted that Philip is joining Vodafone. He brings with him extensive business experience and a record of success in international markets, not only in Europe and Africa but also in the United States. His financial and strategic skills, as well as his knowledge of issues facing international businesses, will be of great benefit to the Board.

With effect from 1 September 2005, the composition of the Board of Vodafone will be:

Lord MacLaurin Chairman

Arun Sarin Chief Executive

Paul Hazen Deputy Chairman

Sir Julian Horn-Smith Deputy Chief Executive

Peter Bamford Chief Marketing Officer

Thomas Geitner Chief Technology Officer

Andy Halford Chief Financial Officer

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

Professor Jürgen Schrempp Non-Executive Director

Luc Vandavelde Non-Executive Director

Philip Yea Non-Executive Director

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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: July 27, 2005

By:
Name: Stephen R. Scott
Title: Company Secretary