

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO

Form 6-K

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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 9 November, 2010

Commission File Number: 001-10086

**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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Yes

No ☐

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This Report on Form 6-K contains a news release issued by Vodafone Group Plc on 9 November, 2010, entitled ACCELERATED
REALISATION OF VODAFONE S INTERESTS IN SOFTBANK .

9 November 2010

ACCELERATED REALISATION OF VODAFONE S INTERESTS IN SOFTBANK

Vodafone¹ today announces that it has agreed to sell to SoftBank Corp. of Japan (SoftBank) its interests² which were originally received as part of the proceeds from the sale of Vodafone Japan in 2006, for a total consideration of ¥412.5 billion (£3.1 billion).

The consideration will be received in two tranches: ¥212.5 billion (£1.6 billion) in December 2010 and ¥200 billion (£1.5 billion) expected in April 2012. The first tranche of the proceeds will be used to reduce Vodafone Group s net debt.

The securities had a carrying value of ¥341 billion (£2.6 billion) at 30 September 2010.

Vodafone and SoftBank Mobile Corp. will continue their close commercial partnership in driving Wholesale Applications Community (WAC) initiatives.

About Vodafone

Vodafone is one of the world's largest mobile communications companies by revenue with approximately 343 million controlled and jointly controlled customers as at 30 September 2010. Vodafone currently has equity interests in over 30 countries across five continents and over 40 partner networks worldwide. For more information, please visit www.vodafone.com.

Notes

1 The sellers are Vodafone International Holdings B.V. and Vodafone Overseas Finance Limited, two wholly owned subsidiaries of the Vodafone Group

2 The interests represent Loan Notes issued by SoftBank Mobile Corp., Preferred Stock and Share Acquisition Rights issued by BB Mobile Corp., both subsidiaries of SoftBank Corp.

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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: 9 November, 2010

By:	/s/ R E S MARTIN
Name:	Rosemary E S Martin
Title:	Group General Counsel and Company Secretary