

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO
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January 22, 2003

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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 January 22, 2003

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 January 21, 2003, entitled VODAFONE TO INCREASE OWNERSHIP IN SPAIN TO 100% .

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21 January 2003

VODAFONE TO INCREASE OWNERSHIP IN SPAIN TO 100%

Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone) announces today that it has been notified that Acciona, S.A. (Acciona) has exercised its put option over the 6.2% stake in Airtel Movil, S.A. (Vodafone Spain) owned by Acciona and Tibest Cuatro, S.A. under the terms of an agreement originally made in January 2000. Vodafone, through its subsidiary Vodafone European Investments, will acquire this stake for approximately Euro 2,018 million in cash and will increase its ownership in Vodafone Spain to 100%. The transaction is expected to complete on 27 January 2003.

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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: January 22, 2003

By: /s/ S R SCOTT

Name:

Stephen R. Scott

Title:

Company Secretary
