

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 May 22, 2003

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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Yes No

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This Report on Form 6-K contains a press release issued by Vodafone Group Plc on May 21, 2003, entitled Vodafone Announces Compulsory Acquisition of Remaining Minority Interests in Telecel .

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21 May 2003

VODAFONE ANNOUNCES COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF REMAINING MINORITY INTERESTS IN TELECEL

Vodafone Group Plc (**Vodafone**) today announces the compulsory acquisition of the outstanding shares in Vodafone Telecel-Comunicações Pessoais, S.A. (**Telecel**) that it does not already own, further to its public offer for Telecel. The compulsory acquisition was registered by the CMVM (the Portuguese Securities Market Commission) yesterday and becomes effective upon the publication of the announcement of the registration in Portugal. The compulsory acquisition will also result in the de-listing of the Telecel shares from any regulated market of the Euronext Lisbon.

The consideration in respect of the Telecel shares subject to the compulsory acquisition is EUR 8.50 in cash per Telecel share, being the consideration offered by Vodafone in its public offer for Telecel, the outcome of which was announced on 1 April 2003.

As a result of the compulsory acquisition, Vodafone will own, directly and indirectly, 100% of the share capital and the total voting rights in Telecel.

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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: May 22, 2003

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