

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO
Form 6-K
March 31, 2011

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 March 31, 2011

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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This Report on Form 6-K contains a news release issued by Vodafone Group Plc on March 31, 2011, entitled Exercise of Options by Essar and Vodafone .

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EXERCISE OF OPTIONS BY ESSAR AND VODAFONE

Vodafone Group announces that the Essar Group has exercised its underwritten put option over 22% of Vodafone Essar Limited (VEL). Following the exercise by the Essar Group of its put option, Vodafone has exercised its call option over the remaining 11% of VEL owned by the Essar Group resulting in a total cash payment of US\$5 billion. Final settlement is anticipated to be no later than November 2011.

Vodafone Group s published net debt figure already includes this US\$5 billion.

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About Vodafone

Vodafone is one of the world s largest mobile communications groups by revenue with approximately 359 million customers in its controlled and jointly controlled markets as at 31 December 2010. Vodafone currently has equity interests in over 30 countries across five continents and more than 40 partner networks worldwide.

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: March 31, 2011

By: /s/ R E S MARTIN

Name:

Title:

Rosemary E S Martin
Group General Counsel and Company
Secretary