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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 May 3, 2012

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 dated 2 May, 2012 entitled Board Change

| 2 May 2012  |
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| BOARD CHANGE  |
| Michel Combes to leave Vodafone   |
| Vodafone Group Plc ("Vodafone") announces today that Michel Combes, CEO for the Europe region and an executive Director of Vodafone, will be stepping down from the Board and leaving the Group on 31 July 2012 to join Vivendi SA. |
| A further announcement on succession plans for the role will be made in due course.   |
| Vittorio Colao, Chief Executive, commented:   |
| Michel has made an excellent contribution to Vodafone. He has been central to the turnaround in our commercial performance in Europe, and has played a significant role in our success in data and enterprise.                      |
| He has also been a great colleague, contributing strongly to the good working of the executive management team, and providing invaluable support and advice. I wish him all the best in his new role.                               |
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## **About Vodafone**

Vodafone is one of the world's largest mobile communications companies by revenue with approximately 398 million customers in its controlled and jointly controlled markets as at 31 December 2011. Vodafone currently has equity interests in over 30 countries across five continents and more than 40 partner networks worldwide. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.vodafone.com">www.vodafone.com</a>.

## **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 3, 2012 By: /s/ R E S MARTIN

Name: Rosemary E S Martin

Title: Group General Counsel and Company Secretary