

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 June 16, 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 June 13, 2002, entitled "Sale of Stakes in Mexican and Indian Operators" .

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SALE OF STAKES IN MEXICAN AND INDIAN OPERATORS

Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone) today announces that Vodafone Americas BV, a wholly owned subsidiary, has agreed to sell its 34.5% stake in Grupo Iusacell, S.A. de C.V. (Iusacell) to Movil Access. Movil Access is a wholly owned subsidiary of Biper, a publicly quoted paging company in Mexico. Iusacell is the third largest mobile operator in Mexico.

Movil Access will launch tender offers in Mexico and the USA for all the shares of Iusacell, subject to certain approvals. Verizon Communications and Vodafone Americas BV together own approximately 74% of Iusacell's equity and have agreed to tender their shares to Movil Access. Approval to launch the tender offers is expected in mid July and, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions, the offers are expected to close in August.

On 5 June 2003, Vodafone International Inc, a wholly owned subsidiary of Vodafone, agreed, subject to conditions, to sell its indirect 20.76% interest in RPG Cellular Services Ltd, a regional operator in Chennai, India. The transaction is expected to complete in early July.

The value of both transactions represents less than 1% of the net assets of Vodafone.

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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: June 16, 2003

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