

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO
Form 6-K
February 18, 2004

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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 February 18, 2004

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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82

This Report on Form 6-K contains a news release issued by Vodafone Group Plc on February 17, 2004, entitled STATEMENT RE AT&T WIRELESS .

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STATEMENT RE AT&T WIRELESS

On 9 February 2004, Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone) announced that it was exploring the opportunity to acquire AT&T Wireless.

On 17 February 2004, Vodafone withdrew from the auction when it concluded that it was no longer in its shareholder s best interests to continue discussions.

Vodafone remains committed to its existing position in the US market with its successful partnership in Verizon Wireless.

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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: February 18, 2004

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