

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO

Form 6-K

January 30, 2017

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 January 30, 2017

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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Yes No

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This Report on Form 6-K contains a news release dated 30 January 2017 entitled VODAFONE ANNOUNCEMENT RE MEDIA SPECULATION

30 January 2017

VODAFONE ANNOUNCEMENT RE MEDIA SPECULATION

Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone) notes the recent media speculation regarding a potential combination of Vodafone India and Idea Cellular (Idea).

Vodafone confirms that it is in discussions with the Aditya Birla Group about an all share merger of Vodafone India (excluding Vodafone 's 42% stake in Indus Towers) and Idea. Any merger would be effected through the issue of new shares in Idea to Vodafone and would result in Vodafone deconsolidating Vodafone India.

There is no certainty that any transaction will be agreed, nor as to the terms or timing of any transaction.

This announcement contains inside information.

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The person responsible for arranging for the release of this announcement on behalf of Vodafone is Rosemary Martin, Vodafone Group General Counsel and Company Secretary.

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: January 30, 2017

By: /s/ R E S MARTIN
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Title: Group General Counsel and Company
Secretary