VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO Form 6-K March 06, 2006

## Form 6-K

## 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 March 6, 2006

# 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 O No ý

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This Report on Form 6-K contains a news release issued by Vodafone Group Plc on March 3, 2006, entitled **ANNOUNCEMENT RE VODAFONE JAPAN** .

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ANNOUNCEMENT RE VODAFONE JAPAN
Vodafone Group ( Vodafone ) has noted today s press speculation regarding its Japanese subsidiary.
Vodafone confirms it is in discussions regarding a potential sale of a controlling interest in Vodafone Japan to SoftBank. These discussions may or may not lead to a transaction.
A further announcement will be made in due course.
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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: March 6, 2006 By: /s/ S R SCOTT

Name: Stephen R. Scott
Title: Company Secretary