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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934*

MP3.COM, INC.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.001 Per Share
(Title of Class of Securities)

811850106
(CUSIP Number)

Guillaume Hannezo
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
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May 20, 2001
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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(Continued on following pages)

CUSIP No. 421969106

(1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
Vivendi Universal, S.A.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)
I.R.S. I.D. N/A

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:
(a) ☐
(b) ☐

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) SOURCE OF FUNDS
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WC

(5) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) ☐

(6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
France

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

(7) SOLE VOTING POWER
3,000,000

(8) SHARED VOTING POWER
34,947,112

(9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
3,000,000

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(10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
None

(11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
37,947,112

(12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES ()
(See Instructions)

(13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
52.9%

(14) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
CO

Neither the filing of this Schedule 13D nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission by Vivendi Universal, S.A. that it is the beneficial owner of any of the common stock of MP3.com, Inc. referred to herein for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, or for any other purpose, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed.

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Item 1. Security and Issuer:

This statement on Schedule 13D (this "Statement") relates to the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("MP3.com Common Stock"), of MP3.com, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("MP3.com"). The address of the principal executive offices of MP3.com is 4790 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, CA 92121.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

(a) The name of the person filing this Statement is Vivendi Universal, a societe anonyme organized under the laws of France ("Vivendi Universal").

(b) The address of the principal office and principal business of Vivendi Universal is 42, avenue de Friedland, 75380 Paris Cedex 08, France.

(c) Vivendi Universal is a company engaged in the media, communications and environmental services businesses. Set forth in Schedule A hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference, is the name, business address, present principal occupation or employment and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted and citizenship, of each of Vivendi Universal's directors and executive officers, as of the date hereof. Other than such directors and executive officers, there are no persons controlling Vivendi Universal.

(d) During the past five years, neither Vivendi Universal nor, to Vivendi Universal's knowledge, any person named in Schedule A has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) During the past five years, neither Vivendi Universal nor, to Vivendi Universal's knowledge, any person named in Schedule A has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of which such person was or is subject to a

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judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Not applicable.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Vivendi Universal and certain stockholders of MP3.com entered into a stockholder agreement to induce Vivendi Universal to enter into the Merger Agreement (defined below). Pursuant to the Stockholder Agreement (the "Stockholder Agreement") dated May 20, 2001, among Vivendi Universal and certain significant

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stockholders of MP3.com, including Michael L. Robertson, MP3.com's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Robin D. Richards, MP3.com's President and a Director, and several investment funds for which Mark A. Stevens, a Director of MP3.com and a General Partner of Sequoia Capital, is a managing member of the general partner, or a partner, of such funds (collectively, the "Stockholders"), the Stockholders have agreed to vote their shares, totaling 34,947,112 shares (the "Subject Shares"), representing 50.9% of MP3.com's outstanding capital stock, in favor of the Merger (defined below).

On May 20, 2001, Vivendi Universal, MP3.com, and Metronome Acquisition Sub Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Vivendi Universal ("Merger Sub"), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement").

The Merger is subject to certain conditions. The descriptions of the Merger Agreement and the Stockholder Agreement contained herein are qualified in their entirety by reference to such agreements, which are attached hereto as Exhibits 2.1 and 99.1, respectively.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

(a)-(b) Pursuant to the Merger Agreement and the actions contemplated therein, MP3.com will be merged with and into Merger Sub (the "Merger"), with Merger Sub continuing as the surviving corporation and as a wholly owned subsidiary of Vivendi Universal (the "Surviving Corporation"). Upon completion of the Merger, each issued and outstanding share of MP3.com Common Stock will be exchanged for the right to receive either (i) \$5.00 in cash, or (ii) a number of Vivendi Universal's American depositary shares having a value of \$5.00. However, subject to aggregate transaction

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consideration caps of 50% cash consideration and 50% share consideration, there may occur some proration.

(c) Not applicable.

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(d) Upon consummation of the Merger, the sole director of the Surviving Corporation shall be the existing sole director of Merger Sub, until his resignation or removal or until his successor or successors are duly elected and qualified. The existing sole director of Merger Sub is George E. Bushnell III. The officers of the Surviving Corporation shall be the existing officers of MP3.com, until resignation or removal or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

(e) Other than as a result of the Merger described in Item 3 above, not applicable.

(f) Not applicable.

(g) Upon consummation of the Merger, the Certificate of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation shall be amended to read as set forth in Exhibit 3.1 to this Statement, which is incorporated herein by reference, and, as so amended, shall be the Certificate of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation until thereafter changed or amended. Upon consummation of the Merger, the By-laws of Merger Sub, as in effect immediately prior to the Merger, shall be the By-laws of the Surviving Corporation until thereafter changed or amended.

(h)-(i) Upon consummation of the Merger, the MP3.com Common Stock will be delisted from the Nasdaq Stock Market and will become eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) of the Exchange Act.

(j) Other than as described above, Vivendi Universal currently has no plan or proposals which relate to, or may result in, any of the matters listed in Items 4(a)-(i) of Schedule 13D (although Vivendi Universal reserves the right to develop such plans).

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a)-(b) As a result of the Stockholder Agreement and its ownership of 3,000,000 warrants to purchase shares of MP3.com Common Stock, Vivendi Universal may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 37,947,112 shares of MP3.com Common Stock. The Subject Shares constitute approximately 50.9% of the issued and outstanding shares of MP3.com Common Stock, based on MP3.com's representation in the Merger Agreement that there were 68,704,430 shares

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of MP3.com Common Stock issued and outstanding at the close of business on May 17, 2001. Upon exercise of its warrants, the percentage of outstanding shares that Vivendi Universal may be deemed to beneficially own would increase to 52.9%

Pursuant to the Stockholder Agreement, the Stockholders agreed, among other things, (i) to vote the Subject Shares in favor of (a) the adoption of the Merger Agreement, (b) the approval of the Merger and (c) the approval of the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, (ii) to vote the Subject Shares against (a) any Takeover Proposal (as such term is defined in the Merger Agreement) and (b) any amendment to the MP3.com certificate of incorporation or by-laws or other proposal or transaction that would impede, frustrate, prevent or nullify the Merger, the Merger Agreement or the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement or change the voting rights of the capital stock of MP3.com, (iii) not to sell, transfer,

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pledge, assign or otherwise dispose of the Subject Shares other than pursuant to the Merger, (iv) not to enter into any voting arrangement, whether by proxy, voting agreement or otherwise, with respect to any Subject Shares, and (v) not to (A) directly or indirectly solicit, initiate or encourage or take any other action that could facilitate any inquiries or the making of any proposal that could lead to any Takeover Proposal, or (B) enter into or participate in any discussions or negotiations or furnish information or cooperate in any way with any Takeover Proposal.

Further, by their execution of the Stockholder Agreement, each Stockholder irrevocably granted to and appointed Vivendi Universal and George E. Bushnell III, Philippe Germond and Gerard Ries, or any of them, and any individual designated in writing by any of them, as his or her proxy and attorney-in-fact to vote the Subject Shares (i) in favor of (A) adoption of the Merger Agreement, (B) approval of the Merger and (C) approval of any other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement and (ii) against any Takeover Proposal and (iii) against any amendment to the MP3.com certificate of incorporation or by-laws or any other proposal or transaction that could impede, frustrate, prevent or nullify any provision of the Merger Agreement or the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement or change in any manner the voting rights of the capital stock of MP3.com. The name of each Stockholder and the number of Subject Shares beneficially owned by each Stockholder are set forth in Schedule A to the Stockholder Agreement.

In addition, the Stockholders (i) agreed (A) to use all reasonable efforts to assist and cooperate with other parties in doing all things necessary to consummate the Merger, and (B) not to issue any press release without the consent of Vivendi Universal, (ii) consented to and approved the actions of the MP3.com board of directors, (iii) waived their appraisal rights under Delaware law and (iv) agreed to deliver an "affiliate" letter, if applicable.

For purposes of the Stockholder Agreement, "Subject Shares" includes any shares of capital stock of MP3.com acquired by any Stockholder after the date of, and during the term of, the Stockholder Agreement. The Stockholder Agreement terminates upon the earlier to occur of (i) such date and time as the Merger shall become effective and (ii) the date of termination of the Merger Agreement in accordance with its terms.

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(c) Neither Vivendi Universal nor, to the knowledge of Vivendi Universal, any person named in Schedule A, has effected any transaction in MP3.com Common Stock during the past 60 days.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

Item. 6 Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Other than as described in Items 3, 4 and 5 and the agreements incorporated herein by reference and set forth in exhibits hereto, to the knowledge of Vivendi Universal, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) among the persons named in Item 2 and between such persons and any person with respect to any

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securities of MP3.com, including but not limited to transfer or voting of any of the securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits.

- 2-1 Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of May 20, 2001, by and among Vivendi Universal, Merger Sub and MP3.com.
- 3-1 Certificate of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation.
- 99-1 Stockholder Agreement dated as of May 20, 2001, between Vivendi Universal and certain stockholders of MP3.com.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

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Dated: May 30, 2001

Vivendi Universal, S.A.

by: /s/ George E. Bushnell III

Name: George E. Bushnell III

Title: Vice President and
Corporate Counsel

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SCHEDULE A

- (a) Set forth below is the name, business address, principal occupation or employment and citizenship of each director and executive officer of Vivendi Universal. Unless otherwise indicated, the business address of each person listed below is 42, Avenue de Friedland, 75380 Paris Cedex 08, France.

Name and Business Address	Principal Occupation or Employment and Business Address	Citizenship
Jean-Marie Messier	Chairman and CEO of Vivendi Universal.	France
Edgar Bronfman, Jr.	Vice Chairman of Vivendi Universal.	United States

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Eric Licoys	Co-COO of Vivendi Universal.	France
Pierre Lescure	Chairman and CEO of CANAL+, Chairman of the Executive Board of Groupe CANAL+ and Co-COO of Vivendi Universal.	France
Bernard Arnault	Chairman and CEO of LVMH. 30, avenue Hoche 75008 Paris, France	France
Jean-Louis Beffa	Chairman and CEO of Compagnie de Saint-Gobain. Les Miroirs 92096 Paris Cedex 27, France	France
Edgar M. Bronfman	Former Chairman of the Board of Seagram.	United States
Richard H. Brown	Chairman and CEO of Electronic Data Systems Corporation. 5400 Legacy Drive Plano, Texas 75024-3199	United States
Jean-Marc Espalioux	Chairman of the Executive Board of Accor. Tour Maine Montparnasse 33, avenue du Maine 75755 Paris Cedex 15, France	France
Philippe Foriel-Destezet	Chairman of Nescofin UK Ltd. 52, rue de la Bienfaisance 75008 Paris, France	France
Jacques Friedmann	Retired Chairman of the Supervisory Board of AXA-UAP (Chairman from 1993-2000) 80, avenue de Breteuil 75007 Paris, France	France
Guillaume Hannezo	Senior Executive Vice President and CFO of Vivendi Universal	France
Esther Koplowitz	Chairman and Member of the Board of Directors of Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas. Torre Picasso Plaza Pablo Ruiz Picasso 28020 Madrid, Spain	Spain
Mario-Josee Kravis	Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute c/o 625 Park Avenue New York, New York 10021	United States

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Name and Business Address	Principal Occupation or Employment and Business Address	Citizenship
Henri Lachmann	Chairman and CEO of Schneider Electric Industries 43-45, boulevard F. Roosevelt, 92500 Rueil-Malmaison, France	France
Samuel Minzberg	President and Chief Executive Officer of Claridge Inc. 1170 Peel Street Montreal, Quebec H3B 4P2	Canada
Simon Murray	Chairman of GEMS Ltd. Princes House-2nd Floor 38, Jermyn Street London SW1Y 6DT	U.K.
Serge Tchuruk	Chairman and CEO of Alcatel 54, rue de la Boetie 75008 Paris, France	France
Rene Thomas	Honorary Chairman and Director of Banque Nationale de Paris-PARIBAS 16, boulevard des Italiens 75009 Paris, France	France
Marc Vienot	Honorary Chairman and Director of Societe Generale Tour Societe Generale 92972 Paris La Defense Cedex, France	France