

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LTD CO

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January 22, 2003

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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 January 22, 2003

VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

THE COURTYARD, 2-4 LONDON ROAD, NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE, RG14 1JX, ENGLAND

(Address of principal executive offices)

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This Report on Form 6-K contains a press release issued by Vodafone Group Plc on January 21, 2003, entitled ACQUISITION OF SBC s STAKE IN CEGETEL .

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ACQUISITION OF SBC 'S STAKE IN CEGETEL

Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone) announces today that its wholly-owned subsidiary Vodafone Holding GmbH has completed its acquisition of SBC Communications Inc. 's shareholding in Transtel S.A., representing a 15% economic interest in Cegetel Groupe S.A., for a cash consideration of US\$2.27 billion.

Vodafone has been a long-standing investor in France and is pleased to have increased its economic interest in SFR to 43.9%.

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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: January 22, 2003

By: /s/ S R SCOTT

Name:

Stephen R. Scott

Title:

Company Secretary
