

EARLY RESULTS OF CASH TENDER OFFERS ANNOUNCED

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**VODAFONE GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY ANNOUNCES EARLY RESULTS OF ITS CASH TENDER OFFERS FOR UP TO \$440,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ITS 6.150% NOTES DUE FEBRUARY 2037 AND UP TO \$730,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ITS 4.375% NOTES DUE FEBRUARY 2043**

(Newbury, Berkshire - England) - July 10, 2024 - Vodafone Group Plc ("Vodafone" or the "Company") announces the early results of its previously announced cash tender offers to purchase (i) up to \$440,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its outstanding 6.150% Notes due February 2037 (the "2037 Notes") and (ii) up to \$730,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its outstanding 4.375% Notes due February 2043 (the "2043 Notes" and, together with the 2037 Notes, the "Maximum Tender Offer Notes") upon the terms of, and subject to the conditions in, the offer to purchase dated June 25, 2024 (the "Offer to Purchase").

On June 28, 2024, the Company closed the offering of \$2,000,000,000 5.750% Notes due 2054 and \$1,000,000,000 5.875% Notes due 2064 (together, the "New Notes"). The proceeds from the issuance of the New Notes, together with existing cash balances, are expected to fund the Maximum Tender Offers. As a result, the New Financing Condition has been satisfied with respect to the Maximum Tender Offers.

The offers to purchase for cash the Maximum Tender Offer Notes are referred to herein as the "Maximum Tender Offers". Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this announcement have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Offer to Purchase.

The following table sets forth the aggregate principal amount of Maximum Tender Offer Notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn in the Maximum Tender Offers at or prior to the Early Tender Time (as defined below), as reported by the Information and Tender Agent:

<b>Title of Security</b>	<b>CUSIP / ISIN</b>	<b>Outstanding Principal Amount</b>	<b>Series Tender Cap<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Aggregate Principal Amount Tendered</b>	<b>Aggregate Principal Amount Accepted</b>	<b>Proration Factor</b>
6.150% Notes due February 2037	92857WAQ3 / US92857WAQ33	\$1,700,000,000	\$440,000,000	\$682,146,000	\$440,000,000	64.56%
4.375% Notes due February 2043	92857WBD1 / US92857WBD11	\$1,400,000,000	\$730,000,000	\$638,723,000	\$638,723,000	N/A

- (1) The Maximum Tender Offers are subject to the applicable series tender cap set out above (each a "Series Tender Cap"), which is specified as an aggregate principal amount of the relevant series of Maximum Tender Offer Notes. The Company will purchase Maximum Tender Offer Notes subject to the applicable Series Tender Caps set forth in the table above.

The early tender deadline for the Maximum Tender Offers was 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on July 9, 2024 (the "Early Tender Time").

In respect of accepted Maximum Tender Offer Notes that were delivered at or prior to the Early Tender Time, the Company expects the Early Tender Settlement Date to occur on the third business day after the Early Tender Time, July 12, 2024.

Holders that validly tendered and did not validly withdraw their Maximum Tender Offer Notes at or prior to the Early Tender Time and whose Maximum Tender Offer Notes are accepted for purchase will receive the Maximum Tender Total Consideration, together with an amount equal to the Accrued Interest thereon. The Maximum Tender Total Consideration will be calculated at or around 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on July 10, 2024 (the "Maximum Tender Price Determination Time") in accordance with standard market practice and as described in the Offer to Purchase. When calculated in this manner, the Maximum Tender Total Consideration already includes the Early Tender Premium.

Because the aggregate principal amount of 2037 Notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn at or prior to the Early Tender Time has an aggregate principal amount that exceeds the Series Tender Cap, the Company has accepted 2037 Notes for purchase on a prorated basis as described in the Offer to Purchase.

Because the Series Tender Cap has been reached with respect to the 2037 Notes based upon the aggregate principal amount of 2037 Notes tendered as of the Early Tender Time, 2037 Notes tendered after the Early Tender Time will not be accepted.

Holders who have not yet tendered their 2043 Notes have until 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on July 24, 2024, unless extended or earlier terminated by the Company in its sole and absolute discretion (such date and time, including as extended or earlier terminated, the "Maximum Tender Expiration Time") to tender their 2043 Notes. Holders of 2043 Notes who validly tender their 2043 Notes after the Early Tender Time and at or prior to the Maximum Tender Expiration Time in the manner described in the

Offer to Purchase will not be eligible to receive the Early Tender Premium and will therefore only be eligible to receive the applicable Maximum Tender Total Consideration minus the Early Tender Premium (the "Late Maximum Tender Offer Consideration"), together with an amount equal to the Accrued Interest thereon.

In addition to the Maximum Tender Total Consideration and Late Maximum Tender Offer Consideration, as applicable, Holders whose Maximum Tender Offer Notes are accepted for purchase will be paid the Accrued Interest thereon. Interest will cease to accrue on the applicable Settlement Date for all Maximum Tender Offer Notes accepted in the Maximum Tender Offers.

Vodafone will issue a press release specifying the applicable Maximum Tender Total Consideration and Late Maximum Tender Offer Consideration for each series of Maximum Tender Offer Notes as soon as reasonably practicable after the Maximum Tender Price Determination Time.

For additional information, please contact the Dealer Managers, Merrill Lynch International at +1 (888) 292-0070 (toll free), +1 (980) 387-3907 or +44 20 7996 5420 (in London) or by email to DG.LM-EMEA@bofa.com and to Santander US Capital Markets LLC at +1 (855) 404-3636 (toll free) or +1 (212) 350-0660 or by email to AmericasLM@santander.us. or the Information and Tender Agent, Kroll Issuer Services Limited at +44 20 7704 0880 or by email to vodafone@is.kroll.com, Attention: Owen Morris.

This announcement is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an offer to buy, or a solicitation of an offer to sell, any security. No offer, solicitation, or sale will be made in any jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful. The Maximum Tender Offers are only being made pursuant to the Offer to Purchase. Holders of the Maximum Tender Offer Notes are urged to carefully read the Offer to Purchase before making any decision with respect to the Maximum Tender Offers.

The New Notes were issued pursuant to a registration statement (File No. 333-273441) filed on Form F-3ASR with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Any investment decision to purchase any New Notes should be made solely on the basis of the information contained in the prospectus dated July 26, 2023, as supplemented by the prospectus supplement dated June 25, 2024 (together, the "Company Prospectus"), and no reliance is to be placed on any representations other than those contained in the Company Prospectus.

The distribution of this announcement in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this announcement comes are required by each of the Company, the Dealer Managers and the Information and Tender Agent to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions.

This announcement is made by Vodafone Group Plc and contains information that

qualified or may have qualified as inside information for the purposes of Article 7(1) of the Market Abuse Regulation (EU) 596/2014 as it forms part of domestic law in the United Kingdom by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the "EUWA") ("UK MAR"), encompassing information relating to the Maximum Tender Offers described above. For the purposes of UK MAR and Article 2 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1055 as it forms part of domestic law in the United Kingdom by virtue of the EUWA, this announcement is made by Maaïke de Bie, Group General Counsel and Company Secretary of Vodafone.

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### **Italy**

None of the Maximum Tender Offers, this announcement, the Offer to Purchase or any other document or material relating to the Maximum Tender Offers has been or will be submitted to the clearance procedures of the *Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* ("CONSOB") pursuant to Italian laws and regulations. The Maximum Tender Offers are each being carried out in the Republic of Italy ("Italy") as an exempt offer pursuant to article 101-bis, paragraph 3-bis of the Legislative Decree No. 58 of February 24, 1998, as amended (the "Financial Services Act") and article 35-bis, paragraph 4 of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of May 14, 1999, as amended. Holders or beneficial owners of the Maximum Tender Offer Notes that are resident or located in Italy can tender Maximum Tender Offer Notes for purchase in the Maximum Tender Offers through authorised persons (such as investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries permitted to conduct such activities in Italy in accordance with the Financial Services Act, CONSOB Regulation No. 20307 of February 15, 2018, as amended from time to time, and Legislative Decree No. 385 of September 1, 1993, as amended) and in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations and with any requirements imposed by CONSOB or any other Italian authority.

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The communication of this announcement and the Offer to Purchase and any other documents or materials relating to the Maximum Tender Offers is not being made by and such documents and/or materials have not been approved by an "authorised person" for the purposes of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA 2000"). Accordingly, such documents and/or materials are not being distributed to, and must not be passed on to, the general public in the United Kingdom. The communication of such documents and/or materials is exempt from the restriction on financial promotions under section 21(1) of the FSMA on the basis that it is only directed at and may only be communicated to: (1) persons who are outside of the United Kingdom; (2) investment professionals falling within the definition contained in

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## **France**

The Maximum Tender Offers are not being made, directly or indirectly, and neither this announcement, the Offer to Purchase nor any other document or material relating to the Maximum Tender Offers has been or shall be distributed, to the public in the Republic of France other than to qualified investors as defined in Article 2(e) of the Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (the "Prospectus Regulation"). Neither this announcement, the Offer to Purchase nor any other document or materials relating to the Maximum Tender Offers has been or will be submitted for clearance to nor approved by the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers*.

## **Belgium**

Neither this announcement, the Offer to Purchase nor any other brochure, documents or materials relating to the Maximum Tender Offers has been, or will be, submitted or notified to, or approved or recognized by, the Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority ("*Autorité des services et marchés financiers*"/"*Autoriteit voor Financiële Diensten en Markten*"). In Belgium, the Maximum Tender Offers do not constitute a public offering within the meaning of Articles 3, §1, 1 and 6, §1 of the Belgian Law of April 1, 2007 on public takeover bids ("*loi relative aux offres publiques d'acquisition*"/"*wet op de openbare overnamebiedingen*"), as amended or replaced from time to time. Accordingly, the Maximum Tender Offers may not be, and are not being advertised, and this announcement, the Offer to Purchase, as well as any brochure, or any other material or document relating thereto (including any memorandum, information circular, brochure or any similar document) may not, has not and will not be distributed or made available, directly or indirectly, to any person located and/or resident within Belgium, other than to "qualified investors" ("*investisseurs qualifiés*"/"*gekwalificeerde belegger*"), within the meaning of Article 2(e) of the Prospectus Regulation acting on their own account. Insofar as Belgium is concerned, the Maximum Tender Offers are made only to qualified investors, as this term is defined above. Accordingly, the information contained in this announcement, the Offer to Purchase or in any brochure or any other document or material relating thereto may not be used for any other purpose or disclosed or distributed to any other person in Belgium.

## **General**

This announcement does not constitute an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to sell the Maximum Tender Offer Notes (and tenders of Maximum Tender Offer Notes in the Maximum Tender Offers will not be accepted from Holders) in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation or acceptance is unlawful. In those jurisdictions where the securities, blue sky or other laws require the Maximum Tender Offers to be made by a licensed broker or dealer and any Dealer Manager or any of the Dealer Managers' affiliates is such a licensed broker or dealer in any such jurisdiction, the Maximum Tender Offers shall be deemed to be made by such Dealer Manager or such Dealer Manager's affiliate, as the case may be, on behalf of the Company in such jurisdiction.

Each tendering Holder participating in the Maximum Tender Offers will be deemed to give certain representations in respect of the jurisdictions referred to above and generally as set out in the section titled "*Description of the Offers-Procedures for Tendering Notes-Other Matters*" in the Offer to Purchase. Any tender of the Maximum Tender Offer Notes for purchase pursuant to the Maximum Tender Offers from a Holder that is unable to make these representations will not be accepted. Each of the Company, the Dealer Managers and the Information and Tender Agent reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to investigate, in relation to any tender of Maximum Tender Offer Notes for purchase pursuant to the Maximum Tender Offers, whether any such representation given by a Holder is correct and, if such investigation is undertaken and as a result the Company determines (for any reason) that such representation is not correct, such tender shall not be accepted.

### **Forward-Looking Information**

This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements which reflect the Company's intent, beliefs or current expectations about the future and can be recognised by the use of words such as "expects," "will," "anticipate," or words of similar meaning. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of any future performance and are necessarily estimates reflecting the best judgment of the senior management of the Company and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. As a consequence, these forward-looking statements should be considered in light of various important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from estimates or projections contained in the forward-looking statements, which include, without limitation, the risk factors set forth in the Offer to Purchase. The Company cannot guarantee that any forward-looking statement will be realised, although it believes it has been prudent in its plans and assumptions. Achievement of future results is subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that may prove to be inaccurate. Should known or unknown risks or uncertainties materialise, or should underlying assumptions prove inaccurate, actual results could vary materially from those anticipated, estimated or projected. The Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as

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