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**Vodafone Group Plc**

*(incorporated with limited liability in England and Wales)*

**€30,000,000,000**

**Euro Medium Term Note Programme**

On 16th July, 1999 Vodafone Group Plc (the “**Issuer**” or “**Vodafone**”) entered into a €5,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the “**Programme**”). Since that date the maximum aggregate nominal amount of notes (the “**Notes**”) which may from time to time be outstanding under the Programme has been increased to €30,000,000,000. This Prospectus supersedes any previous prospectuses, offering circulars or supplements thereto. Any Notes issued on or after the date of this Prospectus are issued subject to the provisions herein. This Prospectus does not affect any Notes issued prior to the date hereof.

Under the Programme, the Issuer may from time to time issue Notes denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (as defined below). The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Notes from time to time outstanding under the Programme will not exceed €30,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Programme Agreement (as defined under “*Subscription and Sale*”), subject to increase as described in the Programme Agreement.

Payments in respect of the Notes will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of taxes of the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Issuer to the extent described under “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes — Condition 7 Taxation*”. If any such withholding or deduction is required by law the Issuer will pay additional amounts, subject to the exceptions described in “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes — Condition 7 Taxation*”.

In certain circumstances another entity may be substituted for or acquire the rights and obligations of the Issuer under the Notes. In such case, payments in respect of the Notes will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of taxes of the jurisdiction of incorporation of such entity. However, in no circumstances will payments of additional amounts be made for or on account of any taxes imposed by the United States of America or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein.

The Notes may be issued on a continuing basis to one or more of the Dealers specified under “*Overview of the Programme*” and any additional Dealer appointed under the Programme from time to time by the Issuer (each a “**Dealer**” and together the “**Dealers**”), which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis. References in this Prospectus to the “**relevant Dealer**” shall, in the case of an issue of Notes being (or intended to be) subscribed by more than one Dealer, be to all Dealers agreeing to subscribe such Notes.

Application has been made to the Financial Services Authority in its capacity as competent authority under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “**UK Listing Authority**”) for Notes issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Prospectus to be admitted to the official list maintained by the UK Listing Authority (the “**Official List**”) and to the London Stock Exchange plc (the “**London Stock Exchange**”) for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange’s regulated market (the “**Market**”). References in this Prospectus to Notes being “**listed**” (and all related references) shall mean that such Notes have been admitted to the Official List and have been admitted to trading on the Market. The Market is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC (the “**Markets in Financial Instruments Directive**”).

In relation to any Tranche (as defined under “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”), the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes of such Tranche, the interest (if any) payable in respect of the Notes of such Tranche, the issue price and any other terms and conditions not contained herein which are applicable to such Tranche will be set out in a final terms document (“**Final Terms**”) which, with respect to Notes to be listed on the London Stock Exchange, will be delivered to the UK Listing Authority and the London Stock Exchange on or before the date of issue of the Notes of such Tranche.

The Programme provides that Notes may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on such other or further stock exchanges or markets as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer. In particular, Notes issued by the Issuer which are denominated in Australian dollars and constituted by the Deed Poll dated 19th July, 2006 executed by the Issuer (“**Deed Poll**”) (“**Australian Domestic Notes**”) may also be listed on the stock exchange conducted by the ASX Limited (the “**Australian Securities Exchange**”). The Issuer may also issue Notes which are not listed or admitted to trading on any market.

The Issuer may agree with any Dealer and The Law Debenture Trust Corporation p.l.c. (the “**Trustee**”) that Notes may be issued in a form not contemplated by the Terms and Conditions of the Notes herein, in which event (in the case of Notes admitted to the Official List only) a supplementary prospectus, if appropriate, will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Notes.

**An investment in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain risks. For a discussion of such risks, see “Risk Factors” below.**

Any person (an “**Investor**”) intending to acquire or acquiring any securities from any person (an “**Offeror**”) should be aware that, in the context of an offer to the public as defined in section 102B of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (“**FSMA**”), the Issuer may be responsible to the Investor for the contents of this Prospectus under section 90 of FSMA only if the Issuer has authorised that Offeror to make the offer to the Investor. Each Investor should therefore enquire whether the Offeror is so authorised by the Issuer. If the Offeror is not authorised by the Issuer, the Investor should check with the Offeror whether anyone is responsible for this Prospectus for the purposes of section 90 of FSMA in the context of the offer to the public, and, if so, who that person is. If the Investor is in any doubt about whether it can rely on this Prospectus and/or who is responsible for its contents it should take legal advice.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and the Notes may include Bearer Notes (as defined under “*Overview of the Programme*”) that are subject to U.S. federal income tax law requirements. The Notes may not be offered or sold or, in the case of Bearer Notes, delivered in the United States or to, or for the benefit of, U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act (“**Regulation S**”)) unless the Notes are registered under the Securities Act or an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available. Prospective purchasers are hereby notified that sellers of the Notes may be relying on the exemption from Section 5 of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A (as defined herein).

**Arranger**

The Royal Bank of Scotland

**Dealers**

Banca IMI  
Barclays Capital  
Citi  
HSBC  
Lloyds TSB Corporate Markets  
Morgan Stanley  
UBS Investment Bank

Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.  
BNP PARIBAS  
Deutsche Bank  
J.P. Morgan Cazenove  
Merrill Lynch International  
The Royal Bank of Scotland  
UniCredit (HVB)

This Prospectus constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (the "**Prospectus Directive**").

The Issuer (the "**Responsible Person**") accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

The previous paragraph should be read in conjunction with the penultimate paragraph on the first page of this Prospectus.

**AN INVESTOR INTENDING TO ACQUIRE OR ACQUIRING ANY NOTES FROM AN OFFEROR WILL DO SO, AND OFFERS AND SALES OF THE NOTES TO AN INVESTOR BY AN OFFEROR WILL BE MADE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY TERMS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE BETWEEN SUCH OFFEROR AND SUCH INVESTOR INCLUDING AS TO PRICE, ALLOCATIONS AND SETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENTS. THE ISSUER WILL NOT BE A PARTY TO ANY SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WITH INVESTORS (OTHER THAN THE DEALERS) IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFER OR SALE OF THE NOTES AND, ACCORDINGLY, THIS PROSPECTUS AND ANY FINAL TERMS WILL NOT CONTAIN SUCH INFORMATION. THE INVESTOR MUST LOOK TO THE OFFEROR AT THE TIME OF SUCH OFFER FOR THE PROVISION OF SUCH INFORMATION. THE ISSUER HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY TO AN INVESTOR IN RESPECT OF SUCH INFORMATION.**

None of the Dealers and the Trustee has independently verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by any of the Dealers or the Trustee as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or incorporated in this Prospectus or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme. No Dealer or the Trustee accepts any liability in relation to the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme.

No person is or has been authorised by the Issuer to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, any of the Dealers or the Trustee.

Neither this Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Notes (i) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation or (ii) should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer, any of the Dealers or the Trustee that any recipient of this Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Notes should purchase any Notes. Each investor contemplating purchasing any Notes should make its own independent investigation of the financial and business condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer. Neither this Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the issue of any Notes constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer, any of the Dealers or the Trustee to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any Notes.

Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Notes shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning the Issuer is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Dealers and the Trustee expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the Programme or to advise any investor in the Notes of any information coming to their attention. Investors should review, *inter alia*, all documents which are deemed to be incorporated by reference (see "*Documents Incorporated by Reference*") when deciding whether or not to purchase any Notes.

The distribution of this Prospectus and any Final Terms and the offer or sale of Notes may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. None of the Issuer, the Dealers and the Trustee represents that this Prospectus may be lawfully distributed, or that any Notes may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. In particular, unless specifically indicated to the contrary in the applicable Final Terms, no action has been taken by the Issuer, the Dealers or the Trustee which would permit a public offering of any Notes or distribution of this Prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. No Notes may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Prospectus nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Persons into whose possession this Prospectus or any Notes may come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions on the distribution of this Prospectus and the offering and sale of Notes. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Prospectus and the offer or sale of Notes in the United Kingdom, the United States, the European Economic Area, France, Japan and Australia (see "*Subscription and Sale*" below).

This Prospectus has been prepared on the basis that, except to the extent sub-paragraph (ii) below may apply, any offer of the Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of Notes which are the subject of an offering contemplated in this Prospectus as completed by final terms in relation to the offer of those Notes may only do so (i) in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer, or (ii) if a prospectus for such offer has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State and

(in either case) published, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by final terms which specify that offers may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State and such offer is made in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified for such purpose in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable. Except to the extent subparagraph (ii) above may apply, neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer.

Australian Domestic Notes will be issued in registered uncertificated (or inscribed) form, will be constituted by the Deed Poll and will take the form of entries on a register to be maintained by a registrar to be specified in the Final Terms for such Notes ("**Registrar**"). Australian Domestic Notes may or may not be listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer will apply to Austraclear Limited (ABN 94 002 060 773) ("**Austraclear**") for approval for each Series of Australian Domestic Notes to be accepted for entry in the settlement system operated by Austraclear (the "**Austraclear System**"). Such approval by Austraclear is not a recommendation or endorsement by Austraclear of the Australian Domestic Notes.

This Prospectus has not been and will not be lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and is not and does not purport to be a document containing disclosure to investors for the purposes of Part 6D.2 or Part 7.9 of the Corporations Act 2001 of the Commonwealth of Australia ("**Australia**") (the "**Corporations Act 2001**"). It is not intended to be used in connection with any offer for which such disclosure is required and does not contain all the information that would be required by those provisions if they applied. It does not take into account the objectives, financial situation or needs of any potential investor and is not to be provided to any "retail client" as defined in section 761G of the Corporations Act 2001.

## **U.S. INFORMATION**

**THE NOTES HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, OR WITH ANY SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE NOTES MAY INCLUDE BEARER NOTES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAW REQUIREMENTS. THE NOTES MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD OR, IN THE CASE OF BEARER NOTES, DELIVERED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATIONS UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) UNLESS THE NOTES ARE REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT IS AVAILABLE.**

THE NOTES ARE BEING OFFERED AND SOLD OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO NON-U.S. PERSONS IN RELIANCE ON REGULATIONS AND REGISTERED NOTES MAY BE OFFERED AND SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES TO "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS" AS DEFINED IN, AND IN RELIANCE ON, RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("**RULE 144A**"). PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF REGISTERED NOTES ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT SELLERS OF THE NOTES MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A. FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THESE AND CERTAIN FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON OFFERS, SALES AND TRANSFERS OF THE NOTES AND DISTRIBUTION OF THIS PROSPECTUS, SEE "*SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE*" AND "*TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS*".

EACH PURCHASER OR HOLDER OF NOTES WILL BE DEEMED, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OR PURCHASE OF ANY SUCH NOTES, TO HAVE MADE CERTAIN REPRESENTATIONS AND AGREEMENTS INTENDED TO RESTRICT THE RESALE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF SUCH NOTES AS SET OUT IN "*SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE*" AND "*TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS*".

BEARER NOTES AND EXCHANGEABLE BEARER NOTES ARE SUBJECT TO U.S. LAW TAX REQUIREMENTS AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR DELIVERED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR ITS POSSESSIONS OR TO UNITED STATES PERSONS, EXCEPT IN CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS PERMITTED BY U.S. TREASURY REGULATIONS. TERMS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM BY THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 AND THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER.

THE NOTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER U.S. REGULATORY AUTHORITY, NOR HAVE ANY OF THE FOREGOING AUTHORITIES PASSED UPON OR ENDORSED THE MERITS OF THE OFFERING OF THE NOTES OR THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

## **NOTICE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS**

**NEITHER THE FACT THAT A REGISTRATION STATEMENT OR AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE HAS BEEN FILED UNDER CHAPTER 421-B OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES WITH THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE NOR THE FACT THAT A SECURITY IS EFFECTIVELY REGISTERED OR A PERSON IS LICENSED IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSTITUTES A FINDING BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE THAT ANY DOCUMENT FILED UNDER CHAPTER 421-B IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND NOT MISLEADING. NEITHER ANY SUCH FACT NOR THE FACT THAT AN EXEMPTION OR EXCEPTION IS AVAILABLE FOR A SECURITY OR A TRANSACTION MEANS THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS PASSED IN ANY WAY UPON THE MERITS OR QUALIFICATIONS OF, OR RECOMMENDED OR GIVEN APPROVAL TO, ANY PERSON, SECURITY OR TRANSACTION. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE, OR CAUSE TO BE MADE, TO ANY PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER, CUSTOMER OR CLIENT ANY REPRESENTATION INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH.**

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All references in this document to "U.S. dollars", "U.S.\$" and "\$" refer to the currency of the United States of America, to "Sterling", "pounds sterling", "pence", "£" and "p" refer to the currency of the United Kingdom, to "¥" refer to the currency of Japan, to "Australian dollars" and "A\$" refer to the currency of Australia, to "euro" and "€" are to the single currency of those member states of the European Union participating in European economic and monetary union from time to time, to "QAR" are to the currency of the State of Qatar and to "billions" are to thousand millions.

**In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Notes other than Australian Domestic Notes, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the Stabilising Manager(s) (or any person acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in the applicable Final Terms may over-allot Notes or effect transactions (outside Australia and on a market operated outside Australia) with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilising Manager(s) (or any person acting on behalf of a Stabilising Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of Notes is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of Notes and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Notes. Any such stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilising Manager(s) (or person(s) acting on behalf of the relevant Stabilising Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.**

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# Documents Incorporated by Reference

The following documents, which have previously been published and have been filed with the Financial Services Authority, shall be incorporated in, and form part of, this Prospectus:

- (a) the audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer for the financial year ended 31st March, 2009, including the auditors' report thereon;
- (b) the audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer for the financial year ended 31st March, 2008, including the auditors' report thereon;
- (c) the section entitled "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" from the previous base prospectus relating to the Programme dated 14th July, 2008;
- (d) the section entitled "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" from the previous base prospectus relating to the Programme dated 1st August, 2007;
- (e) the section entitled "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" from the previous base prospectus relating to the Programme dated 19th July, 2006;
- (f) the section entitled "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" from the previous base prospectus relating to the Programme dated 19th July, 2005;
- (g) the section entitled "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" from the previous offering circular relating to the Programme dated 11th June, 2004;
- (h) the section entitled "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" from the previous offering circular relating to the Programme dated 6th June, 2003;
- (i) the section entitled "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" from the previous offering circular relating to the Programme dated 6th June, 2002; and
- (j) the section entitled "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" from the previous offering circular relating to the Programme dated 31st May, 2001.

save that (i) any statement contained in a document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purposes of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise) and (ii) any documents which are incorporated by reference therein shall not constitute a part of this Prospectus. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

In the event of any significant new factor arising or any material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information included in this Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Notes, the Issuer will, prior to any subsequent issue of Notes, prepare and publish a supplementary prospectus or publish a new prospectus. The Issuer has undertaken to the Dealers in the Programme Agreement that it will comply with Section 87G of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "FSMA"). In addition, in the event of a substitution of the Issuer in the manner set out in Condition 14 and in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed, a further supplementary prospectus will be prepared and published or a new prospectus will be published for use in connection with any subsequent issue of the Notes.

Copies of documents incorporated by reference in this Prospectus will be available for viewing on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange plc at [www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/prices-and-news/news/market-news/market-news-home.html](http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/prices-and-news/news/market-news/market-news-home.html).

# Summary of the Programme

This summary must be read as an introduction to this Prospectus and any decision to invest in any Notes should be based on a consideration of this Prospectus as a whole, including the documents incorporated by reference. Following the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Prospectus Directive in each Member State of the European Economic Area (each an "EEA State"), no civil liability will attach to the Responsible Person in any such Member State in respect of this summary, including any translation hereof, unless it is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of this Prospectus. Where a claim relating to information contained in this Prospectus is brought before a court in an EEA State, the plaintiff may, under the national legislation of the Member State where the claim is brought, be required to bear the costs of translating this Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated.

*Words and expressions defined in "Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes While in Global Form" and "Summary of Certain Matters Relating to Australian Domestic Notes" and "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" below shall have the same meanings in this summary.*

Issuer:	Vodafone Group Plc (" <b>Vodafone</b> " or the " <b>Issuer</b> ")
Description of the Issuer:	<p>Vodafone was incorporated as a private limited company on 17th July, 1984 under the laws of England and Wales with registration number 1833679 and re-registered as a public limited company on 14th September, 1988. The registered office of Vodafone is at Vodafone House, The Connection, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 2FN and its telephone number is +44 (0) 1635 33251. Vodafone, together with its subsidiary undertakings, joint ventures, associated undertakings and investments, are collectively referred to as the "<b>Group</b>".</p> <p>Vodafone is, directly or indirectly, the ultimate holding company of all the companies in the Group and its assets are substantially comprised of shares in such companies. It does not conduct any other business and is accordingly dependent on the other members of the Group and revenues received from them.</p>
Business of the Issuer:	Vodafone is the world's leading international mobile communications group by revenue, providing a wide range of communications services. The Group has a significant global presence, with equity interests in over 30 countries and over 40 partner networks worldwide. The Group is organised in three geographic regions: Europe, Africa and Central Europe; Asia Pacific and Middle East; and Verizon Wireless in the United States. Vodafone's strategy is focused on improving operational execution and pursuing growth opportunities in total telecommunications services, while delivering strong free cash flow.
Risk Factors:	<p>There are certain factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. In addition, there are certain factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme. These include the following:</p> <p>(i) adverse macro economic conditions in the markets in which the Group operates could impact the Group's results of operations; (ii) the continued volatility of worldwide financial markets may make it more difficult for the Group to raise capital externally, which could have a negative impact on the Group's access to finance; (iii) regulatory decisions and changes in the regulatory environment could adversely affect the Group's business; (iv) increased competition may reduce market share and revenue of the Group; (v) delays in the development of handsets and network compatibility and components may hinder the deployment of new technologies; (vi) the Group may experience a decline in revenue or profitability notwithstanding its efforts to increase revenue from the introduction of new services; (vii) expected benefits from cost reduction initiatives may not be realized; (viii) changes in assumptions underlying the carrying value of certain Group assets could result in impairment; (ix) the Group's geographic expansion may increase exposure to unpredictable economic, political and legal risks; (x) expected benefits from acquisitions may not be realized; (xi) the Group's strategic objectives may be impeded by the fact that it does not have a controlling interest in some of its ventures; (xii) expected benefits from investment in networks, licences and new technology may not be realized; (xiii) the Group's business and its ability to retain customers and attract new customers may be impaired by actual or perceived health risks associated with the transmission of radiowaves from mobile telephones, transmitters and associated equipment; (xiv) the Group's business would be adversely affected by the non-supply of equipment and support services by a major supplier; (xv) the Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors; (xvi) there are risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes, such as an optional redemption feature by the Issuer; (xvii) in</p>

the case of derivative Notes investors may lose the entire value of their investment or receive no interest; (xviii) there are risks relating to the Notes such as provisions relating to modification, waivers and substitution, and changes in applicable laws and regulations; (xix) there are transfer restrictions relating to Australian Domestic Notes; (xx) certain types of Notes may be illiquid and difficult to trade; and (xxi) the ratings of the Notes may be revised or withdrawn at any time.

Description of the Programme:	Euro Medium Term Note Programme
Arranger:	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Dealers:	Banca IMI S.p.A. Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A. Barclays Bank PLC Bayerische Hypo- und Vereinsbank AG BNP PARIBAS Citigroup Global Markets Limited Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch HSBC Bank plc J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd. Lloyds TSB Bank plc Merrill Lynch International Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc The Royal Bank of Scotland plc UBS Limited
	The Issuer may from time to time terminate the appointment of any dealer under the Programme or appoint additional dealers in accordance with the Programme Agreement.
Certain Restrictions:	Unless otherwise permitted by then current laws and regulations, Notes which have a maturity of less than one year will constitute deposits for the purposes of the prohibition on accepting deposits contained in section 19 of the FSMA unless they are issued to a limited class of professional investors and have a denomination of at least £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies).
Currencies:	Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, Notes may be issued in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.
Issuing and Principal Paying Agent:	HSBC Bank plc
Registrar and Transfer Agent:	HSBC Bank USA, National Association
Australian Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and Registrar:	A separate Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and Registrar will be appointed for Australian Domestic Notes as specified in the applicable Final Terms.
Trustee:	The Law Debenture Trust Corporation p.l.c.
Programme Size:	Up to €30,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Programme Agreement) outstanding at any time. The Issuer may change the amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Programme Agreement.
Use of Proceeds:	General corporate purposes of the Issuer and such specific purposes as may be determined from time to time.
Maturities:	Subject to any applicable laws, any maturity as specified in the applicable Final Terms.
Issue Price:	Notes may be issued on a fully-paid or a partly-paid basis and at an issue price which is at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par.
Australian Domestic: Notes	Australian Domestic Notes may be issued under the Programme.
Fixed Rate Notes:	Fixed interest will be payable in arrear on the date or dates in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms.
Floating Rate Notes:	Floating Rate Notes will bear interest at a rate determined separately for each Series as follows:



- (i) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series); or
- (ii) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on the agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service; or
- (iii) on such other basis as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.

The margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be specified in the applicable Final Terms for each Series of Floating Rate Notes.

Index Linked Notes:	Payments of principal in respect of Index Linked Redemption Notes or of interest in respect of Index Linked Interest Notes will be calculated by reference to such index and/or formula or to changes in the prices of securities or commodities or to such other factors as specified in the applicable Final Terms.
Other provisions in relation to Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes:	Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes may also have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate or both. Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes in respect of each Interest Period, as agreed prior to issue by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, will be payable on such Interest Payment Dates, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction, as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.
Dual Currency Notes:	Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Notes will be made in such currencies, and based on such rates of exchange, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.
Zero Coupon Notes:	Zero Coupon Notes will be offered and sold at a discount to their nominal amount and will not bear interest.
Redemption:	<p>The applicable Final Terms will indicate either that the relevant Notes cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than in specified instalments, if applicable, or for taxation reasons or following an Event of Default) or that such Notes will be redeemable at the option of the Issuer and/or the Noteholders upon giving notice to the Noteholders or the Issuer, as the case may be, on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such other terms as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.</p> <p>The applicable Final Terms may provide that Notes may be redeemable in two or more instalments of such amounts and on such dates as are indicated in the applicable Final Terms.</p> <p>Unless otherwise permitted by then current laws and regulations, Notes which have a maturity of less than one year are subject to restrictions on their denomination and distribution, see "<i>Certain Restrictions</i>" above.</p>
Other Notes:	Terms applicable to high interest Notes, low interest Notes, step-up Notes, step-down Notes, reverse dual currency Notes, optional dual currency Notes, partly paid Notes and any other type of Note that the Issuer and any Dealer or Dealers may agree to issue under the Programme will be set out in the applicable Final Terms.
Denomination of Notes:	Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer. See " <i>Certain Restrictions</i> " above.
Taxation:	Payments in respect of the Notes will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of taxes of the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Issuer to the extent described under " <i>Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Condition 7 Taxation</i> ". If any such withholding or deduction is required by law the Issuer will pay additional amounts, subject to the exceptions described in " <i>Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Condition 7 Taxation</i> ". In certain circumstances another entity may be substituted for or acquire the rights and obligations of the Issuer under the Notes. In such case, payments in respect of the Notes will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of taxes of the jurisdiction of incorporation of such entity unless the withholding or deduction is required by law, in which case the substituted entity will pay additional amounts, subject to certain exceptions. However, in no circumstances will payment of additional amounts be made for or on account of any taxes imposed by the United States of America or any political

subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein and in such case there will be no redemption for tax reasons pursuant to "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Condition 6(b) Redemption for tax reasons*".

Negative Pledge:

The terms of the Notes will not contain a negative pledge.

Events of Default:

The terms of the Notes will contain, amongst others, the following events of default:

- (a) default in payment of any principal or interest due in respect of the Notes, continuing for the respective periods of time specified in Condition 9(A);
- (b) non-performance or non-observance by the Issuer of any of its other obligations under the Terms and Conditions or the Trust Deed continuing for the period of time specified in Condition 9(A);
- (c) a cross-acceleration provision in respect of Indebtedness for Borrowed Money of the Issuer as further described in Condition 9(A); and
- (d) certain events relating to the insolvency or winding up of the Issuer.

Status of the Notes:

The Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and will rank pari passu, without any preference among themselves, with all other, present and future, outstanding unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer (other than obligations preferred by law).

Listing and admission to trading:

Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for Notes issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Prospectus to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the Market. Notes may also be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on such other or further stock exchanges or markets as agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s). Australian Domestic Notes may also be listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

Notes which are not listed or admitted to trading on any market may also be issued.

The applicable Final Terms will state whether or not the relevant Notes are to be listed and/or admitted to trading and, if so, on which stock exchanges and/or markets.

Governing Law:

The Notes (save for Australian Domestic Notes), and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them, will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law. Australian Domestic Notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of New South Wales, Australia.

# Overview of the Programme

*The following overview does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Prospectus and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of Notes, the applicable Final Terms, and should be read in addition to the "Summary of the Programme" contained in this Prospectus. Words and expressions defined in "Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes While in Global Form" and "Summary of Certain Matters Relating to Australian Domestic Notes" and "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" below shall have the same meanings in this overview.*

Distribution: Notes may be distributed on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.

Redenomination: The applicable Final Terms may provide that certain Notes may be redenominated in euro. If so, the wording of the redenomination clause will be set out in full in the applicable Final Terms.

Form of Notes: The Notes may be issued in bearer form only ("**Bearer Notes**"), in bearer form exchangeable for Registered Notes ("**Exchangeable Bearer Notes**") or in registered form only ("**Registered Notes**"). Registered Notes may not be exchanged for Bearer Notes and Bearer Notes that are not Exchangeable Bearer Notes may not be exchanged for Registered Notes.

Each Tranche of Bearer Notes and Exchangeable Bearer Notes having an initial maturity of more than one year will initially be represented on issue by a temporary global note in bearer form (a "**Temporary Global Note**") and any other such Tranche will be represented by a permanent global note in bearer form (a "**Permanent Global Note**", and together with a Temporary Global Note, the "**Global Notes**"). Global Notes may be deposited on the issue date (i) if the Global Notes are intended to be issued in new global note ("**NGN**") form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms, with a common safekeeper (the "**Common Safekeeper**") on behalf of Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**"); and (ii) if the Global Notes are not intended to be issued in NGN form, with a common depository (the "**Common Depository**") on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The provisions governing the exchange of interests in Global Notes for other Global Notes and Definitive Notes (as defined under "Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes While in Global Form") are described in "Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes While in Global Form".

Each Tranche of Registered Notes (other than Australian Domestic Notes) will be represented by registered certificates (each a "**Certificate**"), one Certificate being issued in respect of each Noteholder's entire holding of Registered Notes of one Tranche.

Registered Notes (other than Australian Domestic Notes) which are sold in an "offshore transaction" within the meaning of Regulation S ("**Regulation S Registered Notes**") will be registered in the name of a common nominee of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg on its issue date. Regulation S Registered Notes will initially be represented by a global unrestricted Certificate (a "**Regulation S Global Certificate**") and will be deposited with a common nominee for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg on its issue date. Beneficial interests in a Regulation S Registered Note will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and their participants.

Registered Notes (other than Australian Domestic Notes) which are sold to qualified institutional buyers within the meaning of Rule 144A, as referred to, and subject to the transfer restrictions described, in "Subscription and Sale" and "Transfer Restrictions" ("**DTC Registered Notes**"), will be registered in the name of a nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("**DTC**") on their issue date. DTC Registered Notes will initially be represented by a global restricted Certificate (a "**DTC Restricted Global Certificate**" and, together with the Regulation S Global Certificates, the "**Global Certificates**") and will be deposited with a custodian for DTC. Beneficial interests in a DTC Registered Note will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC and its participants.

Individual definitive Certificates will only be available in certain limited circumstances as described in "Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes While in Global Form".

Australian Domestic Notes: Australian Domestic Notes may be issued under the Programme and:

- will be issued in registered uncertificated (or inscribed) form, constituted by the Deed Poll and governed by the laws of New South Wales, Australia;
- will take the form of entries on a register to be maintained by the Registrar;
- will provide for the Issuer to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of New South Wales and appoint an agent for the service of process in New South Wales; and
- (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) will be lodged into the settlement system operated by Austraclear.

Clearing Systems:

Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear in relation to any Tranche of Bearer Notes and Clearstream, Luxembourg, Euroclear and DTC in relation to any Tranche of Registered Notes (other than Australian Domestic Notes) and (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) the Austraclear System in relation to any Tranche of Australian Domestic Notes or, in relation to any Tranche, such other clearing system as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, the Trustee, the relevant Dealer and, as the case may be, the Registrar, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Selling Restrictions:

There are restrictions on the offer, sale and transfer of the Notes in the United Kingdom, the United States, the European Economic Area, France, Japan and Australia and such other restrictions as may be required in connection with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche of Notes (see "*Subscription and Sale*" below).

The conditions set forth in Rule 903(b)(2) under the Securities Act, referred to as "Category 2", shall apply for the purposes of Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Notes may be offered and sold in compliance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

Bearer Notes and Exchangeable Bearer Notes will be issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. § 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (the "**D Rules**") unless the applicable Final Terms state that such Notes are issued in circumstances in which such Notes will not constitute "registration required obligations" under the United States Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 ("**TEFRA**"), which circumstances will be referred to in the applicable Final Terms as a transaction to which TEFRA is not applicable.

Transfer Restrictions:

There are restrictions on the transfer of certain Notes (see "*Transfer Restrictions*").

# Risk Factors

*The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. All of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuer is not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.*

*Factors which the Issuer believes may be material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme are also described below.*

*The Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Notes issued under the Programme, but the Issuer may be unable to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes for other reasons which may not be considered significant risks by the Issuer based on information currently available to it or which it may not currently be able to anticipate, and the Issuer does not represent that the statements below regarding the risks of holding any Notes are exhaustive. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Prospectus (including any documents deemed to be incorporated by reference herein) and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.*

## **Factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme**

### ***Adverse macro economic conditions in the markets in which the Group operates could impact the Group's results of operations***

Adverse macro economic conditions and further deterioration in the global economic environment, such as a deepening recession or further economic slowdown in the markets in which the Issuer and its subsidiary undertakings, associated undertakings and investments (together, the "Group") operates, may lead to a reduction in the level of demand from the Group's customers for existing and new products and services. In difficult economic conditions, consumers may seek to reduce discretionary spending by reducing their use of the Group's products and services, including data services, or by switching to lower-cost alternatives offered by the Group's competitors. Similarly, under these conditions the enterprise customers that the Group serves may delay purchasing decisions, delay full implementation of service offerings or reduce their use of the Group's services. In addition, adverse economic conditions may lead to an increased number of the Group's consumer and enterprise customers that are unable to pay for existing or additional services. If these events were to occur, it could have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations.

### ***The continued volatility of worldwide financial markets may make it more difficult for the Group to raise capital externally, which could have a negative impact on the Group's access to finance***

The Group's key sources of liquidity in the foreseeable future are likely to be cash generated from operations and borrowings through long term and short term issuances in the capital markets as well as committed bank facilities. Due to the recent volatility experienced in capital and credit markets around the world, new issuances of debt securities may experience decreased demand. Adverse changes in credit markets or Vodafone's credit ratings could increase the cost of borrowing and banks may be unwilling to renew credit facilities on existing terms. Any of these factors could have a negative impact on the Group's access to finance.

### ***Regulatory decisions and changes in the regulatory environment could adversely affect the Group's business***

As the Group has ventures in a large number of geographic areas, it must comply with an extensive range of requirements that regulate and supervise the licensing, construction and operation of its telecommunications networks and services. In particular, there are agencies which regulate and supervise the allocation of frequency spectrum and which monitor and enforce regulation and competition laws which apply to the mobile telecommunications industry. Decisions by regulators regarding the granting, amendment or renewal of licences, to the Group or to third parties, could adversely affect the Group's future operations in these geographic areas. The Group cannot provide any assurances that governments in the countries in which it operates will not issue telecommunications licences to new operators whose services will compete with it. In addition, other changes in the regulatory environment concerning the use of mobile phones may lead to a reduction in the usage of mobile phones or otherwise adversely affect the Group. Additionally, decisions by regulators and new legislation, such as those relating to international roaming charges and call termination rates, could affect the pricing for, or adversely affect the revenue from, the services the Group offers.

### ***Increased competition may reduce market share and revenue***

The Group faces intensifying competition and its ability to compete effectively will depend on, among other things, network quality, capacity and coverage, the pricing of services and equipment, the quality of customer service, development of new and enhanced products and services, the reach and quality of sales and distribution channels and capital resources. Competition could lead to a reduction in the rate at which the Group adds new customers, a decrease in the size of the Group's market share and a decline in the Group's "ARPU" (service revenue excluding fixed line revenue, fixed advertising revenue, revenue related to business managed services and revenue from certain tower sharing arrangements divided by average customers) as customers choose to receive telecommunications services, or other competing services, from other providers. Examples include, but are not limited to, competition from internet based services and mobile virtual network operators.

The focus of competition in many of the Group's markets continues to shift from customer acquisition to customer retention as the market for mobile telecommunications has become increasingly penetrated. Customer deactivations are measured by the Group's churn rate. There can be no assurance that the Group will not experience increases in churn rates, particularly as competition intensifies. An increase in churn rates could adversely affect profitability because the Group would experience lower revenue and additional selling costs to replace customers or recapture lost revenue.

Increased competition has also led to declines in the prices the Group charges for its mobile services and is expected to lead to further price declines in the future. Competition could also lead to an increase in the level at which the Group must provide subsidies for handsets.

Additionally, the Group could face increased competition should there be an award of additional licences in jurisdictions in which a member of the Group already has a licence.

***Delays in the development of handsets and network compatibility and components may hinder the deployment of new technologies***

The Group's operations depend in part upon the successful deployment of continuously evolving telecommunications technologies. The Group uses technologies from a number of vendors and makes significant capital expenditures in connection with the deployment of such technologies. There can be no assurance that common standards and specifications will be achieved, that there will be inter-operability across Group and other networks, that technologies will be developed according to anticipated schedules, that they will perform according to expectations or that they will achieve commercial acceptance. The introduction of software and other network components may also be delayed. The failure of vendor performance or technology performance to meet the Group's expectations or the failure of a technology to achieve commercial acceptance could result in additional capital expenditures by the Group or a reduction in profitability.

***The Group may experience a decline in revenue or profitability notwithstanding its efforts to increase revenue from the introduction of new services***

As part of its strategy, the Group will continue to offer new services to its existing customers and seek to increase non-voice service revenue as a percentage of total service revenue. However, the Group may not be able to introduce these new services commercially, or may experience significant delays due to problems such as the availability of new mobile handsets, higher than anticipated prices of new handsets or availability of new content services. In addition, even if these services are introduced in accordance with expected time schedules, there is no assurance that revenue from such services will increase ARPU or maintain profit margins.

***Expected benefits from cost reduction initiatives may not be realised***

The Group has entered into several cost reduction initiatives principally relating to network sharing, the outsourcing of IT application, development and maintenance, data centre consolidation, supply chain management and a business transformation programme to implement a single, integrated operating model using one ERP system. However, there is no assurance that the full extent of the anticipated benefits will be realised in the timeline envisaged.

***Changes in assumptions underlying the carrying value of certain Group assets could result in impairment***

Vodafone completes a review of the carrying value of its assets annually, or more frequently where the circumstances require, to assess whether those carrying values can be supported by the net present value of future cash flows derived from such assets. This review examines the continued appropriateness of the assumptions in respect of highly uncertain matters upon which the carrying values of certain of the Group's assets are based. This includes an assessment of discount rates and long term growth rates, future technological developments and timing and quantum of future capital expenditure, as well as several factors which may affect revenue and profitability identified within other risk factors in this section such as intensifying competition, pricing pressures, regulatory changes and the timing for introducing new products or services. Due to the Group's substantial carrying value of goodwill under International Financial Reporting Standards, the revision of any of these assumptions to reflect current or anticipated changes in operations or the financial condition of the Group could lead to an impairment in the carrying value of certain assets in the Group. Impairment does not impact reported cash flows, but it does result in a non-cash charge in the consolidated income statement, and thus may affect the Group's reported distributable reserves and therefore its ability to make distributions to its equity shareholders or repurchase its shares.

***The Group's geographic expansion may increase exposure to unpredictable economic, political and legal risks.***

Political, economic and legal systems in emerging markets historically are less predictable than in countries with more developed institutional structures. As the Group increasingly enters into emerging markets, the value of the Group's investments may be adversely affected by political, economic and legal developments which are beyond the Group's control.

***Expected benefits from acquisitions may not be realised***

The Group has made significant acquisitions which are expected to deliver benefits resulting from the anticipated growth potential of the relevant markets. However, there is no assurance as to the successful integration of companies acquired by the Group or the extent to which the anticipated benefits resulting from the acquisitions will be achieved.

***The Group's strategic objectives may be impeded by the fact that it does not have a controlling interest in some of its ventures***

Some of the Group's interests in mobile licences are held through entities in which it is a significant, but not controlling owner. Under the governing documents for some of these partnerships and corporations, certain key matters such as the approval of business plans and decisions as to the timing and amount of cash distributions require the consent of the partners. In others, these matters may be approved without the Group's consent. The Group may enter into similar arrangements as it participates in ventures formed to pursue additional opportunities. Although the Group has not been materially constrained by the nature of its mobile ownership interests, no assurance can be given that its partners will not exercise their power of veto or their controlling influence in any of the Group's ventures in a way that will hinder the Group's corporate objectives and reduce any anticipated cost savings or revenue enhancement resulting from these ventures.

***Expected benefits from investment in networks, licences and new technology may not be realised***

The Group has made substantial investments in the acquisition of licences and in its mobile networks, including the roll out of 3G networks. The Group expects to continue to make significant investments in its mobile networks due to increased usage and the need to offer new services and greater functionality afforded by new or evolving telecommunications technologies. Accordingly, the rate of the Group's capital expenditures in future years could remain high or exceed that which it has experienced to date. There can be no assurance that the introduction of new services will proceed according to anticipated schedules or that the level of demand for new services will justify the cost of setting up and providing new services. Failure or a delay in the completion of networks and the launch of new services, or increases in the associated costs, could have a material adverse effect on the Group's operations.

***The Group's business and its ability to retain customers and attract new customers may be impaired by actual or perceived health risks associated with the transmission of radiowaves from mobile telephones, transmitters and associated equipment***

Concerns have been expressed in some countries where the Group operates that the electromagnetic signals emitted by mobile telephone handsets and base stations may pose health risks at exposure levels below existing guideline levels and may interfere with the operation of electronic equipment. In addition, as described under "General Information — Legal Proceedings" below, several mobile industry participants, including the Group and Verizon Wireless, have had lawsuits filed against them alleging various health consequences as a result of mobile phone usage, including brain cancer. While the Issuer is not aware that such health risks have been substantiated, there can be no assurance that the actual, or perceived, risks associated with radio wave transmission will not impair its ability to retain customers and attract new customers, reduce mobile telecommunications usage or result in further litigation. In such event, because of the Group's strategic focus on mobile telecommunications, its business and results of operations may be more adversely affected than those of other companies in the telecommunications sector.

***The Group's business would be adversely affected by the non-supply of equipment and support services by a major supplier***

Companies within the Group source network infrastructure and other equipment, as well as network-related and other significant support services, from third party suppliers. The withdrawal or removal from the market of one or more of these major third party suppliers could adversely affect the Group's operations and could result in additional capital or operational expenditures by the Group.

**Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme**

***Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors***

Each potential investor in any Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the relevant Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the relevant Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus or any applicable supplementary prospectus;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the relevant Notes and the impact such investment will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the relevant Notes, including where principal or interest is payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the currency in which such investor's financial activities are principally denominated;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the relevant Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (v) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

Some Notes are complex financial instruments and such Notes may be purchased as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured, appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios. A potential investor should not invest in Notes which are complex financial instruments unless it has

the expertise (either alone or with the assistance of a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Notes will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of such Notes and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

#### ***Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes***

A wide range of Notes may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Notes may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors. Set out below is a description of certain of such features:

##### *Notes subject to optional redemption by the Issuer*

An optional redemption feature is likely to limit the market value of Notes. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of such Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period.

The Issuer may be expected to redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

##### *Index Linked Notes and Dual Currency Notes*

The Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest determined by reference to an index or formula, to changes in the prices of securities or commodities, to movements in currency exchange rates or other factors (each, a "**Relevant Factor**"). In addition, the Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies which may be different from the currency in which the Notes are denominated. Potential investors should be aware that:

- (i) the market price of such Notes may be volatile;
- (ii) they may receive no interest;
- (iii) payment of principal or interest may occur at a different time or in a different currency than expected;
- (iv) the amount of principal payable at redemption may be less than the nominal amount of such Notes or even zero which, for the avoidance of doubt, means that they may lose all or a substantial portion of their principal;
- (v) a Relevant Factor may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in interest rates, currencies or other indices;
- (vi) if a Relevant Factor is applied to Notes in conjunction with a multiplier greater than one or contains some other leverage factor, the effect of changes in the Relevant Factor on principal or interest payable is likely to be magnified; and
- (vii) the timing of changes in a Relevant Factor may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations. In general, the earlier the change in the Relevant Factor, the greater the effect on yield.

The historical experience of an index should not be viewed as an indication of the future performance of such index during the term of any Index Linked Notes. Accordingly, potential investors should consult their own financial and legal advisers about the risk entailed by an investment in any Index Linked Notes and the suitability of such Notes in light of their particular circumstances.

##### *Partly-paid Notes*

The Issuer may issue Notes where the issue price is payable in more than one instalment. Failure to pay any subsequent instalment could result in an investor losing all of its investment.

##### *Variable Rate Notes with a multiplier or other leverage factor*

Notes with variable interest rates can be volatile investments. If they are structured to include multipliers or other leverage factors, or caps or floors, or any combination of those features or other similar related features, their market values may be even more volatile than those for securities that do not include those features.

##### *Inverse Floating Rate Notes*

Inverse Floating Rate Notes have an interest rate equal to a fixed rate minus a rate based upon a reference rate such as LIBOR. The market values of such Notes typically are more volatile than market values of other conventional floating rate debt securities based on the same reference rate (and with otherwise comparable terms). Inverse Floating Rate Notes are more volatile because an increase in the reference rate not only decreases the interest rate of the Notes, but may also reflect an increase in prevailing interest rates, which further adversely affects the market value of these Notes.

##### *Fixed/Floating Rate Notes*

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that the Issuer may elect to convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. The Issuer's ability to convert the interest rate will affect the secondary market and the market value of such Notes since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at



any time may be lower than the rates on other Notes. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Notes.

#### *Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium*

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount or premium to their nominal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

#### **Risks related to Notes generally**

Set out below is a brief description of certain risks relating to the Notes generally:

#### *Modification, waivers and substitution*

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes contain provisions for calling meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more persons holding or representing a clear majority in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Noteholders including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority. In addition, there are no provisions requiring special quorums of Noteholders in any circumstances.

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes also provide that the Trustee may, without the consent of Noteholders, agree to (i) any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of Notes or (ii) determine without the consent of the Noteholders that any Event of Default or potential Event of Default shall not be treated as such. In addition, the Trustee may, without the consent of the Noteholders, agree to the substitution of another company as principal debtor under any Notes in place of the Issuer, in the circumstances described in Condition 14 of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes. In such case, payments in respect of the relevant Notes will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of taxes of the jurisdiction of incorporation of the entity substituted as principal debtor under the relevant Notes unless the withholding or deduction is required by law, in which case the substituted entity will pay additional amounts, subject to certain exceptions. However, in no circumstances will payments of additional amounts be made for or on account of any taxes imposed by the United States of America or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein.

#### *EU Savings Directive*

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC ("**the Directive**") on the taxation of savings income, Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State, or to certain limited types of entities established in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have agreed to adopt similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

On 15th September, 2008 the European Commission issued a report to the Council of the European Union on the operation of the Directive, which included the Commission's advice on the need for changes to the Directive. On 13th November, 2008 the European Commission published a more detailed proposal for amendments to the Directive, which included a number of suggested changes. The European Parliament approved an amended version of this proposal on 24th April, 2009. If any of the proposed changes are made in relation to the Directive, they may amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the Issuer nor any Paying Agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Note as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. Except as otherwise provided in Condition 11(v) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, the Issuer is required to maintain a Paying Agent in a Member State that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct pursuant to the Directive.

#### *Change of law*

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes are based on English law (save for Australian Domestic Notes, which are governed by the laws of New South Wales, Australia) in effect as at the date of issue of the relevant Notes. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law or, in the case of Australian Domestic Notes, the laws of New South Wales, Australia or administrative practice after the date of issue of the relevant Notes.

#### *Notes where denominations involve integral multiples: Definitive Notes*

In relation to any issue of Notes which have denominations consisting of a minimum Specified Denomination plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that such Notes may be traded in amounts that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time may not receive a Definitive Note in respect of such holding (should Definitive Notes be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes such that its holding amounts to a minimum Specified Denomination.

If Definitive Notes are issued, holders should be aware that Definitive Notes which have a denomination that is not an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination may be illiquid and difficult to trade.

#### *Australian Domestic Notes*

Australian Domestic Notes may only be transferred within, to or from Australia if (i) the aggregate consideration payable by the transferee at the time of transfer is at least A\$500,000 (or the equivalent in another currency, in either case disregarding moneys lent by the transferor or its associates) (or, if the Australian Domestic Notes are not listed on the Australian Securities Exchange Limited, the transferee is otherwise not a "retail client" as defined in section 761G of the Corporations Act 2001 and the offer or invitation giving rise to the transfer otherwise does not constitute an offer or invitation for which disclosure is required to be made to investors in accordance with Part 6D.2 or Part 7.9 of the Corporations Act 2001), (ii) the transfer is in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations or directives (including, without limitation, in the case of a transfer to or from Australia, the laws of the jurisdiction in which the transfer takes place), and (iii) in the case of a transfer between persons outside Australia, if a transfer and acceptance form is signed outside Australia. A transfer to an unincorporated association is not permitted.

#### **Risks related to the market generally**

Set out below is a brief description of certain market risks, including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk:

#### *The secondary market generally*

Notes may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for Notes that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of Notes generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities. Illiquidity may have a severely adverse effect on the market value of Notes.

#### *Exchange rate risks and exchange controls*

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the "**Investor's Currency**") other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (1) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (2) the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (3) the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Notes.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

#### *Interest rate risks*

Investment in Fixed Rate Notes involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of Fixed Rate Notes.

#### *Credit ratings may not reflect all risks*

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to an issue of Notes. The ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

#### **Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments**

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (1) Notes are legal investments for it, (2) Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (3) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

# Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes While in Global Form

For the purpose of the description set out below the expression "Notes" shall not include Australian Domestic Notes.

## **Initial Issue of Notes**

Upon the initial deposit of a Global Note with (i) if the Global Note is intended to be issued in NGN form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms, the Common Safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or (ii) if the Global Note is not intended to be issued in NGN form, a Common Depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or registration of Registered Notes in the name of any nominee for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC and delivery of the relative Global Certificate to the Common Depository, or the custodian for DTC, as the case may be, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC, as the case may be, will credit each subscriber with a nominal amount of Notes equal to the nominal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

References herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system approved by the Issuer, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee and specified in the applicable Final Terms.

## **Relationship of Accountholders with Clearing Systems**

Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, DTC or any other clearing system as the holder of a Note represented by a Global Note or a Global Certificate must look solely to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, DTC or such other clearing system, as the case may be, for his share of each payment made by the Issuer to the bearer of such Global Note or the holder of such Global Certificate, as the case may be, and in relation to all other rights arising under the Global Notes or Global Certificates, subject to and in accordance with the respective rules and procedures of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, DTC or such clearing system, as the case may be. Such persons shall have no claim directly against the Issuer in respect of payments due on the Notes for so long as the Notes are represented by such Global Note or Global Certificate and such obligations of the Issuer will be discharged by payment to the bearer of such Global Note or the holder of such Global Certificate, as the case may be, in respect of each amount so paid.

## **Exchange**

### ***Temporary Global Notes***

On and after the date (the "**Exchange Date**") which is 40 days after the Temporary Global Note is issued, interests in such Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable, free of charge to the holder, in whole or in part upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership (in a form to be provided) either for (i) interests in a Permanent Global Note or (ii) if so provided in the applicable Final Terms, for Definitive Notes (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and, subject in the case of Definitive Notes, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms).

Each Temporary Global Note that is also an Exchangeable Bearer Note will be exchangeable for Registered Notes in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, in addition to any Permanent Global Note or Definitive Notes for which it may be exchangeable, and before the Exchange Date will also be exchangeable in whole or in part for Registered Notes only. Any such exchange shall occur not later than five days after the date on which the notice requiring exchange is given and on which banks are open for business in the city in which the specified office of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent is located and in the city in which the relevant clearing system is located.

### ***Permanent Global Notes***

Each Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable, free of charge to the holder, in whole but not, except as provided under "*Partial Exchange of Permanent Global Notes*" below, in part for Definitive Notes either (i) if specified in the applicable Final Terms, upon not less than 60 days' written notice from Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Note) to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent as described therein or (ii) only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event, as provided in the applicable Final Terms.

For these purposes, "**Exchange Event**" means, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, that (i) an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 9(A)) has occurred and is continuing, (ii) the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and no alternative clearing system satisfactory to the Trustee is available or (iii) the Issuer is or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided for or referred to in Condition 7 which would not be required were the Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note in definitive form and a certificate to such effect signed by two Directors of the Issuer is given to the Trustee. The Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Note) or the Trustee may give notice to the

Issuing and Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (iii) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 45 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent.

Each Permanent Global Note that is also an Exchangeable Bearer Note will, subject to Condition 2(f), be exchangeable, free of charge to the holder, in whole but not, except as provided under "*Partial Exchange of Permanent Global Notes*", in part for Registered Notes by the holder giving notice to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent of its election to exchange the whole or a part, as the case may be, of such Permanent Global Note for Registered Notes. Any such exchange shall occur not later than five days after the date on which the notice requiring exchange is given and on which banks are open for business in the city in which the specified office of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent is located and in the city in which the relevant clearing system is located.

Bearer Notes which are represented by a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

The following legend will appear on all Bearer Notes and Exchangeable Bearer Notes which have an original maturity of more than one year and on all Receipts, Coupons and Talons relating to such Notes:

"ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE."

#### *Partial Exchange of Permanent Global Notes*

For so long as a Permanent Global Note is held on behalf of a clearing system and the rules of that clearing system permit, such Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable in part on one or more occasions (1) for Registered Notes if the Permanent Global Note is an Exchangeable Bearer Note and the part submitted for exchange is to be exchanged for Registered Notes, or (2) if so provided in, and in accordance with, the Terms and Conditions (which will be set out in the applicable Final Terms) relating to Partly Paid Notes.

#### **Global Certificates**

Interests in a Global Certificate will be exchangeable, free of charge to the holder, in whole but not, except as provided below, in part for definitive Certificates only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, "**Exchange Event**" means, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, that (i) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (ii) in the case of DTC Registered Notes, either DTC has notified the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as depository for the Notes and no alternative clearing system is available or DTC has ceased to constitute a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, (iii) in the case of Regulation S Registered Notes, the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and, in any such case, no successor clearing system is available or (iv) the Issuer has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Notes represented by the Global Certificate in definitive form. The Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 below if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Global Certificate) may give notice to the Registrar requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (iv) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Registrar requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 10 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Registrar.

If the Final Terms state that the Notes are to be represented by a Global Certificate on issue, the following will apply in respect of transfers of Notes held in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, DTC or any alternative clearing system. These provisions will not prevent the trading of interests in the Notes within a clearing system whilst they are held on behalf of such clearing system, but will limit the circumstances in which the notes may be withdrawn from the relevant clearing system.

Transfers of the holding of Notes represented by any Global Certificate pursuant to Condition 2(b) below may only be made in part:

- (i) if the relevant clearing system has been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or has announced an intention permanently to cease business or has in fact done so and no alternative clearing system satisfactory to the Trustee is available; or
- (ii) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing; or
- (iii) with the consent of the Issuer,

provided that, in the case of the first transfer of part of a holding pursuant to (i) or (ii) above, the registered holder has given the Registrar not less than 30 days' notice at its specified office of the registered holder's intention to effect such a transfer. Where a Global Certificate is only transferable in its entirety, the Certificate issued to the transferee upon transfer of such holding shall be a Global Certificate. Where transfers are permitted in part, Certificates issued to transferees shall not be a Global Certificate unless the transferee so requests and certifies to the Registrar that it is, or is acting as a nominee for, Clearstream, Luxembourg, Euroclear and/or any alternative clearing system.

### **Delivery of Notes**

On or after any due date for exchange, the holder of a Global Note may surrender such Global Note or, in the case of a partial exchange, present it for endorsement to or to the order of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent. In exchange for any Global Note, or the part thereof to be exchanged, the Issuer will (i) in the case of a Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note, deliver, or procure the delivery of, a Permanent Global Note in an aggregate nominal amount equal to that of the whole or that part of a Temporary Global Note that is being exchanged or, in the case of a subsequent exchange, endorse, or procure the endorsement of, a Permanent Global Note to reflect such exchange or (ii) in the case of a Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes or Registered Notes, deliver, or procure the delivery of, an equal aggregate nominal amount of duly executed and authenticated Definitive Notes and/or Certificates, as the case may be. In this Prospectus, "**Definitive Notes**" means, in relation to any Global Note, the definitive Bearer Notes for which such Global Note may be exchanged (if appropriate, having attached to them all Coupons and Receipts in respect of interest or Instalment Amounts that have not already been paid on the Global Note and a Talon). Definitive Notes will be security printed and Certificates will be printed in accordance with any applicable legal and stock exchange requirements in or substantially in the form set out in the Schedules to the Trust Deed. On exchange in full of any Global Note, the Issuer will procure that it is cancelled.

### **Payments**

No payment falling due after the Exchange Date will be made on any Temporary Global Note unless, upon due certification, exchange for an interest in a Permanent Global Note or for Definitive Notes or Registered Notes is improperly withheld or refused. Payments on any Temporary Global Note issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg § 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (the "D Rules") before the Exchange Date will only be made against presentation of certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership (in a form to be provided). All payments in respect of Notes represented by a Global Note will, if the Global Note is not intended to be issued in NGN form, be made against presentation for endorsement and, if no further payment falls to be made in respect of the Notes, surrender of that Global Note to or to the order of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or any other Paying Agent. A record of each payment so made will be endorsed on each Global Note, which endorsement will be *prima facie* evidence that such payment has been made in respect of the Notes.

The holder of a Global Note or a Global Certificate shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such Global Note or Global Certificate and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note or Global Certificate in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note or Global Certificate must look solely to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note or Global Certificate.

### **Meetings**

The holder of a Global Note or of the Notes represented by a Global Certificate shall (unless such Global Note or Global Certificate represents only one Note) be treated as being one person for the purposes of any quorum requirements of a meeting of Noteholders and, at any such meeting, the holder of a Global Note shall be treated as having one vote in respect of each integral currency unit of the Specified Currency of the Notes. All holders of Registered Notes are entitled to one vote in respect of each Note comprising such Noteholder's holding, whether or not represented by a Global Certificate.

### **Partial Redemption**

In the case of a partial redemption of Notes represented by a Global Note, the Notes to be redeemed ("**Redeemed Notes**") will be selected in accordance with the rules of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as either a pool factor or a reduction in their nominal amount, at their discretion) and/or DTC, as applicable, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the "**Selection Date**"). The aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note shall be equal to the balance of the Redeemed Notes. No exchange of the relevant Global Note will be permitted during the period from (and including) the Selection Date to (and including) the date fixed for redemption and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 at least five days prior to the Selection Date.

### **Notices**

Until such time as any Definitive Notes are issued, there may, so long as any Global Notes representing the Notes are held in their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC, be substituted for publication in a newspaper in accordance with Condition 13 the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC for communication by them to their entitled accountholders and, in addition, for so long as any Notes are listed on a stock exchange and the rules of that stock exchange or any other relevant authority so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by that stock exchange or any other relevant authority. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the day after the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC.

Whilst any of the Notes are represented by a Global Note, notices to be given by any Noteholder may be given to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC, as the case may be, in such manner as the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

**Noteholders' Options**

Any option of the Noteholders provided for in the Conditions of any Notes while such Notes are represented by a Global Note may be exercised by the holder of the Global Note giving notice to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent within the time limits relating to the deposit of Notes with a Paying Agent set out in the Conditions substantially in the form of the notice available from any Paying Agent, except that the notice shall not be required to contain the serial numbers of the Notes in respect of which the option has been exercised, and stating the nominal amount of Notes in respect of which the option is exercised and at the same time presenting the Global Note to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, or to a Paying Agent acting on behalf of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, for notation.

**Trustee's Powers**

In considering the interests of Noteholders while any Global Note is held on behalf of, or a Global Certificate is registered in the name of any nominee for, a clearing system, the Trustee may have regard to any information provided to it by such clearing system or its operator as to the identity (either individually or by category) of its accountholders with entitlements to such Global Note or Global Certificate and may consider such interests as if such accountholders were the holders of the Notes represented by such Global Note or Global Certificate.

**Partly Paid Notes**

The provisions relating to Partly Paid Notes are not set out in this Prospectus, but will be contained in the applicable Final Terms and thereby in the Global Notes. While any instalments of the subscription moneys due from the holder of Partly Paid Notes are overdue, no interest in a Global Note representing such Notes may be exchanged for an interest in a Permanent Global Note or for Definitive Notes (as the case may be). If any Noteholder fails to pay any instalment due on any Partly Paid Notes within the time specified, the Issuer may forfeit such Notes and shall have no further obligation to their holder in respect of them.

# Summary of Certain Matters Relating to Australian Domestic Notes

## Settlement and Transfer of Australian Domestic Notes

### ***Austraclear***

On issue of any Australian Domestic Notes, the Issuer will (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) procure that the Australian Domestic Notes are entered into the Austraclear System. On entry, Austraclear will become the sole registered Noteholder and legal owner of the Australian Domestic Notes. Subject to the rules and regulations known as the “**Austraclear System Regulations**” established by Austraclear (as amended or replaced from time to time) to govern the use of the Austraclear System, participants of the Austraclear System (“**Accountholders**”) may acquire rights against Austraclear in relation to those Australian Domestic Notes as beneficial owners and Austraclear is required to deal with the Australian Domestic Notes in accordance with the directions and instructions of the Accountholders. Any potential investors who are not Accountholders would need to hold their interest in the relevant Australian Domestic Notes through a nominee who is an Accountholder. All payments by the Issuer in respect of Australian Domestic Notes entered in the Austraclear System will be made directly to an account agreed with Austraclear or as it directs in accordance with the Austraclear System Regulations.

### ***Holding of Australian Domestic Notes through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg***

On entry in the Austraclear System, interests in the Australian Domestic Notes may be held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg. In these circumstances, entitlements in respect of holdings of interests in the Australian Domestic Notes in Euroclear would be held in the Austraclear System by HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited as nominee of Euroclear, while entitlements in respect of holdings of interests in the Australian Domestic Notes in Clearstream, Luxembourg would be held in the Austraclear System by ANZ Nominees Limited as nominee of Clearstream, Luxembourg.

The rights of a holder of interests in Australian Domestic Notes held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg are subject to the respective rules and regulations of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, the arrangements between Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and their respective nominees and the Austraclear System Regulations.

### ***Transfers***

Any transfer of Australian Domestic Notes will be subject to the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia and the other requirements set out in the Terms and Conditions of the Australian Domestic Notes and, where the Notes are entered in the Austraclear System, the Austraclear System Regulations.

Secondary market sales of Australian Domestic Notes settled in the Austraclear System will be settled in accordance with the Austraclear System Regulations.

### ***Relationship of Accountholders with Austraclear***

Accountholders who acquire an interest in Australian Domestic Notes entered in the Austraclear System must look solely to Austraclear for their rights in relation to such Notes and will have no claim directly against the Issuer in respect of such Notes although under the Austraclear System Regulations, Austraclear may direct the Issuer to make payments direct to the relevant Accountholders.

Where Austraclear is registered as the Noteholder of any Australian Domestic Notes that are lodged in the Austraclear System, Austraclear may, where specified in the Austraclear System Regulations, transfer the Australian Domestic Notes to the person in whose Security Record (as defined in the Austraclear System Regulations) those Australian Domestic Notes are recorded and, as a consequence, remove those Australian Domestic Notes from the Austraclear System.

Potential investors in Australian Domestic Notes should inform themselves of, and satisfy themselves with, the Austraclear System Regulations and (where applicable) the rules of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and the arrangements between them and their nominees in the Austraclear System.

### ***Trustee's powers***

In considering the interests of Noteholders in respect of any Australian Domestic Note that is entered into the Austraclear System, the Trustee may have regard to any information provided to it by Austraclear as to the identity (either individually or by category) of its Accountholders with entitlements to such Note and may consider such interests as if such Accountholders were the holders of such Note.

# Form of Final Terms

Set out below is the form of Final Terms which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme with a denomination of less than €50,000 (or its equivalent in another currency).

[Date]

**Vodafone Group Plc**  
**Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]**  
**under the €30,000,000,000**  
**Euro Medium Term Note Programme**

[The Prospectus referred to below (as completed by these Final Terms) has been prepared on the basis that, except as provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) (each, a "**Relevant Member State**") will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer of the Notes may only do so:

- (i) in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer; or
- (ii) in those Public Offer Jurisdictions mentioned in Paragraph 35 of Part A below, provided such person is one of the persons mentioned in Paragraph 35 of Part A below and that such offer is made during the Offer Period specified for such purpose therein.

Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in any other circumstances.<sup>(1)</sup>

[The Prospectus referred to below (as completed by these Final Terms) has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) (each, a "**Relevant Member State**") will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of the Notes may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in any other circumstances].<sup>(2)</sup>

## PART A — CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions set forth in the Prospectus dated [date] [and the supplementary prospectus(es) dated [date]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of Directive 2003/71/EC (the "**Prospectus Directive**"). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Prospectus [as so supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Prospectus [as so supplemented]. The Prospectus [and the supplementary prospectus(es)] [is] [are] available for viewing at [address] and [website] and copies may be obtained from [address].

*[The following alternative language applies if the first Tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a prospectus (or similar document) with an earlier date.*

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "**Conditions**") set forth in the [Prospectus] dated [original date] [and the supplementary prospectus(es) dated [date]]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (the "**Prospectus Directive**") and must be read in conjunction with the Prospectus dated [current date] [as supplemented by [a] supplementary prospectus(es) dated [date]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the Prospectus dated [original date] [as so supplemented] and are attached hereto. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms, the [Prospectus] dated [original date] and the Prospectus dated [current date] [as so supplemented]. Copies of such Prospectuses [and supplementary prospectus(es)] are available for viewing at [address] and [website] and copies may be obtained from [address].

<sup>(1)</sup> Consider including this legend where a non-exempt offer of Notes is anticipated.

<sup>(2)</sup> Consider including this legend where only an exempt offer of Notes is anticipated.



[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable" (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-paragraphs. Italics denote directions for completing the Final Terms.]

[When adding any other final terms or information consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]

[Unless otherwise permitted by then current laws and regulations, if the Notes have a maturity of less than one year from their date of issue, the minimum denomination must be £100,000 or its equivalent in any other currency.]

1. Issuer: Vodafone Group Plc
2. (i) Series Number: [ ]  
(ii) Tranche Number: [ ]  
*(If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Notes become fungible)*
3. Specified Currency or Currencies: [ ]
4. Aggregate Nominal Amount:  
— Series: [ ]  
— Tranche: [ ]
5. Issue Price: [ ] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] *(in the case of fungible issues only, if applicable)*]
6. (i) Specified Denomination(s): [ ]  
(ii) Calculation Amount: *(If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination. If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. N.B. There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)*
7. (i) Issue Date [and Interest Commencement Date]: [ ]  
(ii) Interest Commencement Date (if different from the Issue Date): [ ]
8. Maturity Date: *[Fixed rate — specify date/Floating rate — Interest Payment Date falling in [specify month and year]]*
9. Interest Basis: [[ ] per cent. Fixed Rate]  
[[LIBOR/EURIBOR] +/- [ ] per cent. Floating Rate]  
[Zero Coupon]  
[Index Linked Interest]  
*[specify other]*  
*(further particulars specified below)*
10. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par]  
[Index Linked Redemption]  
[Dual Currency]  
[Partly Paid]  
[Instalment]  
*[specify other]*  
*(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100% of the nominal amount, the Notes will constitute derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation No. 809/2004 will apply)*
11. Change of Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis: *[Specify details of any provision for change of Notes into another Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis]*

12. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]  
[Issuer Call]  
[(further particulars specified below)]
13. Method of distribution: [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]
14. Date of Board approval for issuance [ ]  
of Notes:

**PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE**

15. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Rate(s) of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum [payable [annually/semi-annually/quarterly] in arrear]  
*(If payable other than annually, consider amending Condition 4)*
- (ii) Interest Payment Date(s): [[ ] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date]/[specify other]  
*(NB: This will need to be amended in the case of long or short coupons)*
- (iii) Fixed Coupon Amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount  
*(Applicable to Notes in definitive form)*
- (iv) Broken Amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [ ]  
*(Applicable to Notes in definitive form)*
- (v) Fixed Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ICMA) or 30/360 or specify other]
- (vi) Determination Date: [Insert day(s) and month(s) on which interest is normally paid (if more than one, then insert such dates in the alternative)] in each year<sup>(1)</sup> *(N.B. This will need to be amended in the case of regular interest payments which are not of equal duration)*
- (vii) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes: [None/ Give details]
16. **Floating Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: [ ]
- (ii) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/specify other]
- (iii) Additional Business Centre(s): [ ]
- (iv) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination/specify other]
- (v) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent): [ ]

<sup>(1)</sup> Only to be completed where day count fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA)

- (vi) Screen Rate Determination:
- Reference Rate: [            ]  
*(Either LIBOR, EURIBOR or other, although additional information is required if other — including reference to the fallback provisions in the Agency Agreement)*
- Interest Determination Date(s): [            ]  
*(Second day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currencies deposits) in London prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR other than euro LIBOR or Sterling LIBOR, the first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET2 System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR or euro LIBOR)*
- Relevant Screen Page: [            ]  
*(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate)*
- (vii) ISDA Determination:
- Floating Rate Option: [            ]
- Designated Maturity: [            ]
- Reset Date: [            ]
- (viii) Margin(s): [+/-] [    ] per cent. per annum
- (ix) Minimum Rate of Interest: [    ] per cent. per annum
- (x) Maximum Rate of Interest: [    ] per cent. per annum
- (xi) Day Count Fraction: [            ]  
*(see Condition 4 for alternatives)*
- (xii) Fall back provisions, rounding provisions and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes, if different from those set out in the Terms and Conditions: [            ]
- (xiii) Bank Bill Rate Determination for Australian Domestic Notes: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

**17. Zero Coupon Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*

- (i) Accrual Yield: [    ] per cent. per annum
- (ii) Reference Price: [            ]
- (iii) Any other formula/basis of determining amount payable: [            ]
- (iv) Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts and late payment: [Conditions 6(e)(iii) and 6(j) apply/specify other]  
*(Consider applicable day count fraction if not U.S. dollar denominated)*

18. **Index Linked Interest Note Provisions** **[Applicable/Not Applicable]**  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*  
*(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)*
- (i) Index/Formula: [give or annex details]
- (ii) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due: [give name (and, if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, address)]
- (iii) Provisions for determining coupon where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula is impossible or impracticable: [Need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
- (iv) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: [ ]
- (v) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/specify other]
- (vi) Additional Business Centre(s): [ ]
- (vii) Minimum Rate of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum
- (viii) Maximum Rate of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum
- (ix) Day Count Fraction: [ ]
19. **Dual Currency Note Provisions** **[Applicable/Not Applicable]**  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*  
*(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)*
- (i) Rate of Exchange/method of calculating Rate of Exchange: [give or annex details]
- (ii) Calculation Agent, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest payable: [ ]
- (iii) Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable: [Need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
- (iv) Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable: [ ]

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

20. **Issuer Call** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount/*specify other/see Appendix*
- (iii) If redeemable in part:
- (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: [ ] per Calculation Amount/*specify other/see Appendix*
- (b) Higher Redemption Amount: [ ] per Calculation Amount/*specify other/see Appendix*
- (iv) Issuer Call Period: [ ]

21. **Investor Put** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount/*specify other/see Appendix*
- (iii) Investor Put Period: [ ]

22. **Final Redemption Amount** [ ] per Calculation Amount/*specify other/see Appendix*  
*(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100% of the nominal amount, the Notes will constitute derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation No. 809/2004 will apply)*

23. **Early Redemption Amount** Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 6(e): [ ] per Calculation Amount/*specify other/see Appendix*

## GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

24. Form of Notes:
- (a) Form: **[Bearer Notes/Exchangeable Bearer Notes/Registered Notes]**
- [Bearer Notes/Exchangeable Bearer Notes:
- [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]
- [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date]
- [Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]]<sup>(1)</sup>
- [Registered Notes:
- [Regulation S Global Certificate [and] [DTC Restricted Global Certificate] exchangeable for definitive Certificate only upon an Exchange Event]
- [Australian Domestic Notes]]

<sup>(1)</sup> Only available for Notes with an initial maturity of not more than one year.

- (b) New Global Note: [Yes] [No]  
*[Note that this Programme contemplates that Notes may be issued in NGN form even if they are not intended to be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either (i) upon issue or (ii) at any or all times during their life. Before selecting the designation "Yes" consider whether the Issuer does in fact want to issue the Notes in NGN form even though the designation "No" will be selected for Part B — item 10(ix).]*
25. Whether TEFRA D applicable or TEFRA rules not applicable: [TEFRA D/TEFRA not applicable]
26. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Days: [Not Applicable/give details]  
*(Note that this item relates to the place of payment and not Interest Period end dates to which items 16(iii) and 18(vi) relate)*
27. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature): [Yes/No. If yes, give details]
28. Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment: [Not Applicable/give details]
29. Details relating to Instalment Notes: amount of each instalment, date on which each payment is to be made: [Not Applicable/give details]
30. Redenomination applicable: [Yes/No]  
*(If yes, insert Redenomination Clause wording including either the applicable Fixed Day Count Fraction or any provisions necessary to deal with floating rate interest calculation (including alternative reference rates))*
31. Other final terms: [Not Applicable/give details]  
*(When adding any other final terms consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

## DISTRIBUTION

32. (i) If syndicated, names and addresses of Managers and underwriting commitments: [Not Applicable/give names, addresses and underwriting commitments]
- (ii) Date of Subscription Agreement: [ ]
- (iii) Stabilising Manager(s) (if any): [Not Applicable/give name(s)]
33. If non-syndicated, name and address of relevant Dealer: [ ]
34. Total commission and concession: [ ] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount

35. Non exempt Offer: [Not Applicable] [An offer of the Notes may be made by the Managers [and [specify names of other financial intermediaries/placers making non-exempt offers, to the extent known OR consider a generic description of other parties involved in non-exempt offers (e.g. "other parties authorised by the Managers") or (if relevant) note that other parties may make non-exempt offers in the Public Offer Jurisdictions during the Offer Period, if not known]] (together with the Managers, the "**Financial Intermediaries**") other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in [specify relevant Member State(s) - which must be jurisdictions where the Prospectus and any supplementary prospectus(es) have been passported (in addition to the jurisdiction where approved and published)] ("**Public Offer Jurisdictions**") during the period from [specify date] until [specify date or a formula such as "the Issue Date" or "the date which falls [●] Business Days thereafter"] ("**Offer Period**"). See further Paragraph 11 of Part B below.

*(N.B. Consider any local regulatory requirements necessary to be fulfilled so as to be able to make a non-exempt offer in relevant jurisdictions. No such offer should be made in any relevant jurisdiction until those requirements have been met. Non-exempt offers may only be made into jurisdictions in which the base prospectus (and any supplement) has been notified/passported.)*

36. Additional or amendment to selling restrictions: [Not Applicable/give details]

37. If issuing Australian Domestic Notes, name and address of Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and Registrar and details of Australian Agency Agreement: [Not Applicable/give details]

In no circumstances will payments of additional amounts be made for or on account of taxes imposed by the United States of America or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein.

#### **Listing and Admission to Trading Application**

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required for issue [and] [public offer in the Public Offer Jurisdictions] [and] admission to the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market of the Notes described herein pursuant to the €30,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Vodafone Group Plc.

#### **Responsibility**

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms which, when read together with the Prospectus referred to above, contain all information that is material in the context of the issue of the Notes. [[Relevant third party information, for example in compliance with Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation in relation to an index or its components] has been extracted from [specify source]. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by [specify source], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading].

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Duly authorised

## PART B — OTHER INFORMATION\*

### 1. Listing and Admission to Trading:

[Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [ ] with effect from [ ]]/[Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [ ] with effect from [ ]]/[Not Applicable.]

*(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original Notes are already admitted to trading.)*

### 2. Ratings:

The Notes have been assigned the following ratings:

[S & P: [ ]]  
[Moody's: [ ]]  
[[Other]: [ ]]

*[Need to include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has previously been published by the rating provider.]*

*(The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating)*

### 3. Interests of Natural and Legal Persons Involved in the Issue:

[Save for any fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. — Amend as appropriate if there are other interests]

*[When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]*

### 4. Reasons for the Offer, Estimated Net Proceeds and Total Expenses:

(i) Reasons for the offer: [ ]

*(See "Use of Proceeds" wording in Prospectus — if reasons for offer different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks will need to include those reasons here.)*

(ii) Estimated net proceeds: [ ]

*(If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding.)*

(iii) Estimated total expenses: [ ] *[Expenses are required to be broken down into each principal intended "use" and presented in order of priority of such "uses"]* (N.B.: *If the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies (i) above is required where the reasons for the offer are different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks and, where such reasons are inserted in (i), disclosure of net proceeds and total expenses at (ii) and (iii) above are also required.*)

### 5. Yield: (Fixed Rate Notes only)

Indication of yield: [ ]

*[Calculated as [include details of calculation in summary form] on the Issue Date.]*

*The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.]*

### 6. Historic Interest Rates (Floating Rate Notes only)

Details of historic [LIBOR/EURIBOR/other] rates can be obtained from [Reuters].



**[7. Performance of index/formula, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the underlying: (Index-Linked Notes only)**

*[If there is a derivative component in the interest or the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]*

*(N.B. The requirements below only apply if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.)*

*[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the index/formula can be obtained.]*

*[Where the underlying is an index need to include the name of the index and a description if composed by the Issuer and if the index is not composed by the Issuer need to include details of where the information about the index can be obtained. Where the underlying is not an index need to include equivalent information.]*

*[Include other information concerning the underlying required by paragraph 4.2 of Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation.]*

*[When completing the above paragraphs, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]*

The Issuer [intends to provide post-issuance information [specify what information will be reported and where it can be obtained]] [does not intend to provide post-issuance information].]

**[8. Performance of rate(s) of exchange and explanation of effect on value of investment: (Dual-Currency Notes only)**

*[If there is a derivative component in the interest or the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]*

*(N.B. The requirement below only applies if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.)*

*[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the relevant rates can be obtained.]]*

*[When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]*

**[9. Additional U.S. federal income tax consequences:**

*[Include if applicable]*

**10. Operational Information:**

- (i) ISIN Code: [ ]
- (ii) Common Code: [ ]
- (iii) CUSIP: [ ]
- (iv) CINS: [ ]
- (v) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, DTC and Austraclear (together with the address of each such clearing system) and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/give name(s), address(es) and number(s)]
- (vi) Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment
- (vii) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): [ ]
- (viii) Application for Registered Notes to be designated PORTAL Securities [Yes/No/Not Applicable]

- (ix) Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility: [Yes] [No]
- [Note that the designation “Yes” simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria.]
- (Include the above text if “Yes” selected in which case the Notes must be issued in NGN form)*
- [Note also that this Programme contemplates that Notes may be issued in NGN form even if the designation “No” is selected above. See also Part A — item 24(b)]*
- (x) If Australian Domestic Notes, name and address of Agent for service of process in New South Wales: [ ]

## 11. Terms and Conditions of the Offer

- Offer Price: [Issue Price/Not applicable/specify]
- [Conditions to which the offer is subject:] [Not applicable/give details]
- [Description of the application process:] [Not applicable/give details]
- [Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application:] [Not applicable/give details]
- [Description of possibility to reduce subscriptions and manner for refunding excess amount paid by applicants:] [Not applicable/give details]
- [Details of the method and time limits for paying up and delivering the Notes:] [Not applicable/give details]
- [Manner in and date on which results of the offer are to be made public:] [Not applicable/give details]
- [Procedure for exercise of any right of pre-emption, negotiability of subscription rights and treatment of subscription rights not exercised:] [Not applicable/give details]
- [Categories of potential investors to which the Notes are offered and whether tranche(s) have been reserved for certain countries:] [Not applicable/give details]
- [Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and the indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made:] [Not applicable/give details]
- [Amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser:] [Not applicable/give details]
- [Name(s) and address(es), to the extent known to the Issuer, of the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place:] [None/give details]

\* *If an issue of Notes is (i) NOT admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area and (ii) only offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is not required to be published under the Prospectus Directive, the Issuer may elect to amend and/or delete certain of the above paragraphs of Part B.*

Set out below is the form of Final Terms which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme with a denomination of at least €50,000 (or its equivalent in another currency).

[Date]

**Vodafone Group Plc**  
**Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]**  
**under the €30,000,000,000**  
**Euro Medium Term Note Programme**

**PART A — CONTRACTUAL TERMS**

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions set forth in the Prospectus dated [date] [and the supplementary prospectus[es] dated [date]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of Directive 2003/71/EC (the "**Prospectus Directive**"). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Prospectus [as so supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Prospectus [as so supplemented]. The Prospectus [and the supplementary prospectus[es]] [is] [are] available for viewing at [address] and [website] and copies may be obtained from [address].

*[The following alternative language applies if the first Tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a prospectus (or similar document) with an earlier date.]*

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "**Conditions**") set forth in the [Prospectus] dated [original date] [and the supplementary prospectus[es] dated [date]]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (the "**Prospectus Directive**") and must be read in conjunction with the Prospectus dated [current date] [as supplemented by [a] supplementary prospectus[es] dated [date]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the Prospectus dated [original date] [as so supplemented] and are attached hereto. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms, the [Prospectus] dated [original date] and the Prospectus dated [current date] [as so supplemented]. Copies of such Prospectuses [and supplementary prospectus[es]] are available for viewing at [address] and [website] and copies may be obtained from [address].

*[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable" (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-paragraphs. Italics denote directions for completing the Final Terms.]*

*[When adding any other final terms or information consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]*

*[Unless otherwise permitted by then current laws and regulations, if the Notes have a maturity of less than one year from their date of issue, the minimum denomination must be €100,000 or its equivalent in any other currency.]*

1. Issuer: Vodafone Group Plc
2. (i) Series Number: [            ]  
(ii) Tranche Number: [            ]  
*(If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Notes become fungible)*
3. Specified Currency or Currencies: [            ]
4. Aggregate Nominal Amount:  
— Series: [            ]  
— Tranche: [            ]
5. Issue Price: [     ] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] *(in the case of fungible issues only, if applicable)*]

6. (i) Specified Denomination(s): [ ]
- (N.B. Where multiple denominations above [€50,000] or equivalent are being used the following sample wording should be followed:  
"€50,000] and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€99,000]. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [€99,000].")<sup>(1)</sup>*
- (ii) Calculation Amount: *(If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination. If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. N.B. There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)*
7. [(i)] Issue Date [and Interest Commencement Date]: [ ]
- [(ii)] Interest Commencement Date (if different from the Issue Date): [ ]
8. Maturity Date: *[Fixed rate — specify date/Floating rate — Interest Payment Date falling in [specify month and year]]*
9. Interest Basis: [[ ] per cent. Fixed Rate]  
[[LIBOR/EURIBOR] +/- [ ] per cent. Floating Rate]  
[Zero Coupon]  
[Index Linked Interest]  
[specify other]  
*(further particulars specified below)*
10. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par]  
[Index Linked Redemption]  
[Dual Currency]  
[Partly Paid]  
[Instalment]  
[specify other]  
*(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100% of the nominal amount, the Notes will constitute derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation No. 809/2004 will apply)*
11. Change of Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis: *[Specify details of any provision for change of Notes into another Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis]*
12. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]  
[Issuer Call]  
*[(further particulars specified below)]*
13. Method of distribution: [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]
14. Date of Board approval for issuance of Notes: [ ]

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

15. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions** **[Applicable/Not Applicable]**  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Rate(s) of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum [payable [annually/semi-annually/quarterly] in arrear]  
*(If payable other than annually, consider amending Condition 4)*
- (ii) Interest Payment Date(s): [[ ] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date]/[specify other]  
*(NB: This will need to be amended in the case of long or short coupons)*

<sup>(1)</sup> Delete for Registered Notes

- (iii) Fixed Coupon Amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount  
*(Applicable to Notes in definitive form)*
- (iv) Broken Amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [ ]  
*(Applicable to Notes in definitive form)*
- (v) Fixed Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ICMA) or 30/360 or specify other]
- (vi) Determination Date: [Insert day(s) and month(s) on which interest is normally paid (if more than one, then insert such dates in the alternative)] in each year<sup>(1)</sup> (N.B. This will need to be amended in the case of regular interest payments which are not of equal duration)
- (vii) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes: [None/Give details]

**16. Floating Rate Note Provisions [Applicable/Not Applicable]**

*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*

- (i) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: [ ]
- (ii) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/specify other]
- (iii) Additional Business Centre(s): [ ]
- (iv) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination/specify other]
- (v) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent): [ ]
- (vi) Screen Rate Determination:
- Reference Rate: [ ]  
*(Either LIBOR, EURIBOR or other, although additional information is required if other — including reference to the fallback provisions in the Agency Agreement)*
- Interest Determination Date(s): [ ]  
*(Second day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currencies deposits) in London prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR other than euro LIBOR or Sterling LIBOR, the first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET2 System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR or euro LIBOR)*
- Relevant Screen Page: [ ]  
*(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate)*
- (vii) ISDA Determination:
- Floating Rate Option: [ ]
- Designated Maturity: [ ]
- Reset Date: [ ]
- (viii) Margin(s): [+/-] [ ] per cent. per annum

<sup>(1)</sup> Only to be completed where day count fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA)

- (ix) Minimum Rate of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum
- (x) Maximum Rate of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum
- (xi) Day Count Fraction: [ ]  
(see Condition 4 for alternatives)

- (xii) Fall back provisions, rounding provisions and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes, if different from those set out in the Terms and Conditions: [ ]

- (xiii) Bank Bill Rate Determination for Australian Domestic Notes: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

**17. Zero Coupon Note Provisions** **[Applicable/Not Applicable]**  
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)

- (i) Accrual Yield: [ ] per cent. per annum
- (ii) Reference Price: [ ]
- (iii) Any other formula/basis of determining amount payable: [ ]
- (iv) Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts and late payment: [Conditions 6(e)(iii) and 6(j) apply/specify other]  
(Consider applicable day count fraction if not U.S. dollar denominated)

**18. Index Linked Interest Note Provisions** **[Applicable/Not Applicable]**  
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)  
(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)

- (i) Index/Formula: [give or annex details]
- (ii) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due: [give name (and, if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, address)]
- (iii) Provisions for determining coupon where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula is impossible or impracticable: [Need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
- (iv) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: [ ]
- (v) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/specify other]
- (vi) Additional Business Centre(s): [ ]
- (vii) Minimum Rate of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum
- (viii) Maximum Rate of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum
- (ix) Day Count Fraction: [ ]

- 19. Dual Currency Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*  
*(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)*
- (i) Rate of Exchange/method of calculating Rate of Exchange: [give or annex details]
- (ii) Calculation Agent, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest payable: [ ]
- (iii) Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable: [Need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
- (iv) Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable: [ ]

**PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION**

- 20. Issuer Call** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix
- (iii) If redeemable in part:
- (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: [ ] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix
- (b) Higher Redemption Amount: [ ] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix
- (iv) Issuer Call Period: [ ]
- 21. Investor Put** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix
- (iii) Investor Put Period: [ ]
- 22. Final Redemption Amount** [ ] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix  
*(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100% of the nominal amount, the Notes will constitute derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation No. 809/2004 will apply)*
- 23. Early Redemption Amount** [ ] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix

Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 6(e):

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

##### 24. Form of Notes:

- (a) Form: **[Bearer Notes/Exchangeable Bearer Notes/Registered Notes]<sup>(1)</sup>**
- [Bearer Notes/Exchangeable Bearer Notes:
- [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]
- [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date]
- [Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]]<sup>(2)</sup>
- [Registered Notes:
- [Regulation S Global Certificate [and] [DTC Restricted Global Certificate] exchangeable for definitive Certificate only upon an Exchange Event]
- [Australian Domestic Notes]]

- (b) New Global Note: [Yes] [No]
- [Note that this Programme contemplates that Notes may be issued in NGN form even if they are not intended to be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either (i) upon issue or (ii) at any or all times during their life. Before selecting the designation "Yes" consider whether the Issuer does in fact want to issue the Notes in NGN form even though the designation "No" will be selected for Part B — item 9(ix).]*

25. Whether TEFRA D applicable or TEFRA rules not applicable: [TEFRA D/TEFRA not applicable]
26. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Days: [Not Applicable/give details]  
*(Note that this item relates to the place of payment and not Interest Period end dates to which items 16(iii) and 18(vi) relate)*
27. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature): [Yes/No. If yes, give details]
28. Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment: [Not Applicable/give details]
29. Details relating to Instalment Notes: amount of each instalment, date on which each payment is to be made: [Not Applicable/give details]

<sup>(1)</sup> The exchange upon 60 days' notice option should not be expressed to be applicable if the Specified Denomination of the Notes in paragraph 6(i) includes language substantially to the following effect: "[€50,000] and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€99,000]". Furthermore, such Specified Denomination construction is not permitted in relation to any issue of Notes which is to be represented on issue by a Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Only available for Notes with an initial maturity of not more than one year.



30. Redenomination applicable: [Yes/No]  
*(If yes, insert Redenomination Clause wording including either the applicable Fixed Day Count Fraction or any provisions necessary to deal with floating rate interest calculation (including alternative reference rates))*
31. Other final terms: [Not Applicable/give details]  
*(When adding any other final terms consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

## DISTRIBUTION

32. (i) If syndicated, names of Managers: [Not Applicable/give names]
- (ii) Date of Subscription Agreement: [ ]  
*(The above is only relevant if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies).*
- (iii) Stabilising Manager(s) (if any): [Not Applicable/give name(s)]
33. If non-syndicated, name of relevant Dealer: [ ]
34. Additional or amendment to selling restrictions: [Not Applicable/give details]
35. If issuing Australian Domestic Notes, name and address of Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and Registrar and details of Australian Agency Agreement: [Not Applicable/give details]

In no circumstances will payments of additional amounts be made for or on account of taxes imposed by the United States of America or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein.

## Listing and Admission to Trading Application

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required for issue and admission to the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market of the Notes described herein pursuant to the €30,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Vodafone Group Plc.

## Responsibility

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms which, when read together with the Prospectus referred to above, contain all information that is material in the context of the issue of the Notes. The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. *[[Relevant third party information, for example in compliance with Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation in relation to an index or its components] has been extracted from [specify source].* The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by *[specify source]*, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Duly authorised

## PART B — OTHER INFORMATION \*

### 1. Listing and Admission to Trading:

- (i) Listing and admission to trading: [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [ ] with effect from [ ].]/[Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [ ] with effect from [ ].]/[Not Applicable.]

*(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original Notes are already admitted to trading.)*

- (ii) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: [ ]

### 2. Ratings:

The Notes have been assigned the following ratings:

[S & P: [ ]]  
[Moody's: [ ]]  
[[Other]: [ ]]

*(The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating)*

### 3. Interests of Natural and Legal Persons Involved in the Issue:

[Save for any fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. — Amend as appropriate if there are other interests]

*[(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]*

### 4. Reasons for the Offer, Estimated Net Proceeds and Total Expenses:

- (i) Reasons for the offer: [ ]

*(See "Use of Proceeds" wording in Prospectus — if reasons for offer different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks will need to include those reasons here.)]*

- (ii) Estimated net proceeds: [ ]

*(If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding.)*

- (iii) Estimated total expenses: [ ] *[Include breakdown of expenses]*

*(N.B.: Delete unless the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, in which case (i) above is required where the reasons for the offer are different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks and, where such reasons are inserted in (i), disclosure of net proceeds and total expenses at (ii) and (iii) above are also required.)*

### 5. Yield: (Fixed Rate Notes only)

- Indication of yield: [ ]

The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.]

[6. **Performance of index/formula, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the underlying:** (*Index-Linked Notes only*)

[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the index/formula can be obtained.]

[Where the underlying is an index need to include the name of the index and a description if composed by the Issuer and if the index is not composed by the Issuer need to include details of where the information about the index can be obtained. Where the underlying is not an index need to include equivalent information.]

[Include other information concerning the underlying required by paragraph 4.2 of Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation.]

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[When completing the above paragraphs, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]

The Issuer [intends to provide post-issuance information [specify what information will be reported and where it can be obtained]] [does not intend to provide post-issuance information].]

(N.B. This paragraph 6 only applies if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.)

[7. **Performance of rate(s) of exchange and explanation of effect on value of investment:** (*Dual-Currency Notes only*)

[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the relevant rates can be obtained.]]

[When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]]

(N.B. This paragraph 7 only applies if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.)

[8. **Additional U.S. federal income tax consequences:**

[Include if applicable]]

9. **Operational Information:**

- (i) ISIN Code: [ ]
- (ii) Common Code: [ ]
- (iii) CUSIP: [ ]
- (iv) CINS: [ ]
- (v) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, DTC and Austraclear (together with the address of each such clearing system) and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/give name(s), address(es) and number(s)]
- (vi) Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment
- (vii) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): [ ]
- (viii) Application for Registered Notes to be designated PORTAL Securities: [Yes/No/Not Applicable]

(ix) Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility: [Yes] [No]

[Note that the designation "Yes" simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria.]

*(Include the above text if "Yes" selected in which case the Notes must be issued in NGN form)*

*[Note also that this Programme contemplates that Notes may be issued in NGN form even if the designation "No" is selected above. See also Part A — item 24(b)]*

(x) If Australian Domestic Notes, name and address of Agent for service of process in New South Wales: [ ]

\* *If an issue of Notes is (i) NOT admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area and (ii) only offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is not required to be published under the Prospectus Directive, the Issuer may elect to amend and/or delete certain of the above paragraphs of Part B.*

# Terms and Conditions of the Notes

*The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, that, subject to completion and amendment and as supplemented or varied in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Final Terms, shall be applicable to the Notes and/or Certificates in definitive form (if any) issued in exchange for the Global Note(s) and/or Global Certificates representing each Series or shall be incorporated by reference in the Deed Poll (as defined below) as the terms and conditions of the Australian Domestic Notes (as defined below). Either (i) the full text of the following Terms and Conditions together with the relevant provisions of the Final Terms or (ii) these Terms and Conditions as so completed, amended, supplemented or varied (and subject to simplification by the deletion of non-applicable provisions), shall be endorsed on such definitive Bearer Notes or on the definitive Certificates relating to Registered Notes (other than Australian Domestic Notes) or shall be incorporated by reference in the Deed Poll as the terms and conditions of the Australian Domestic Notes. Part A of the applicable Final Terms in relation to any Tranche of Notes may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Notes. Reference should be made to "Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes While in Global Form" and "Summary of Certain Matters Relating to Australian Domestic Notes" for a description of the content of Final Terms which will specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Notes. References in the following Terms and Conditions to "Notes" are to the Notes of one Series only, not to all Notes that may be issued under the Programme.*

Notes (other than Australian Domestic Notes (as defined below)) issued by Vodafone Group Plc (formerly called Vodafone AirTouch Plc) (the "**Issuer**") are constituted by a Trust Deed dated 16th July, 1999 (such Trust Deed as modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**Trust Deed**") made between the Issuer and The Law Debenture Trust Corporation p.l.c. (the "**Trustee**", which expression shall include any successor as trustee).

The Notes (other than Australian Domestic Notes), the Receipts (as defined below) and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of an amended and restated Agency Agreement dated 19th July, 2006 (such Agency Agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**Agency Agreement**") made between the Issuer, HSBC Bank plc as issuing and principal paying agent and agent bank (the "**Issuing and Principal Paying Agent**", which expression shall include any successor issuing and principal paying agent), the other paying agents named therein (together with the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, the "**Paying Agents**", which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents), HSBC Bank USA, National Association as exchange agent (the "**Exchange Agent**", which expression shall include any successor exchange agent) and HSBC Bank USA, National Association as registrar (the "**Registrar**", which expression shall include any successor registrar) and a transfer agent and the other transfer agents named therein (together with the Registrar, the "**Transfer Agents**", which expression shall include any additional or successor transfer agent) and the Trustee.

Notes may also be issued by the Issuer in registered uncertificated (or inscribed) form which are denominated in Australian dollars and constituted by the Deed Poll as defined below ("**Australian Domestic Notes**"). They will be constituted by a deed poll (the "**Deed Poll**") dated 19th July, 2006 executed by the Issuer in favour of the relevant Noteholders and the Trustee. The provisions of these Terms and Conditions relating to Global Notes, Certificates, Coupons and Talons do not apply to Australian Domestic Notes. In relation to any Australian Domestic Notes to be issued, the Issuer will appoint an Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and a Registrar for the Australian Domestic Notes pursuant to an agreement or agreements (any such agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, an "**Australian Agency Agreement**") entered into between the Issuer, the relevant Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and/or Registrar and (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) the Trustee. References herein to "**Issuing and Principal Paying Agent**" and "**Registrar**" shall in relation to Australian Domestic Notes, be deemed to be respectively to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar so appointed and references to any Paying Agent shall be to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent. The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The Noteholders (as defined below), the holders (the "**Couponholders**") of the interest coupons (the "**Coupons**") relating to interest bearing Notes in bearer form and, where applicable in the case of such Notes, talons for further Coupons (the "**Talons**") and the holders (the "**Receiptholders**") of the receipts for the payment of instalments of principal (the "**Receipts**") relating to Notes in bearer form of which the principal is payable in instalments are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by, and are deemed to have notice of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed and the Deed Poll (in the case of Australian Domestic Notes) and are deemed to have notice of those provisions applicable to them of the Agency Agreement. Any reference herein to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons.

The Final Terms for this Note (or the relevant provisions thereof) are attached to or endorsed on this Note or, in the case of an Australian Domestic Note, incorporated in the Deed Poll. Part A of the Final Terms supplements these Terms and Conditions and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Terms and Conditions, replace or modify these Terms and Conditions for the purposes of this Note. References to the "**applicable Final Terms**" are to Part A of the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to or endorsed on this Note (or, in the case of an Australian Domestic Note, incorporated by reference in the Deed Poll).

The Trustee acts for the benefit of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, (which expression shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons), in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

As used herein, "**Tranche**" means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing) and "**Series**" means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (ii) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices.

Copies of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement are available for inspection during normal business hours at the registered office for the time being of the Trustee (being at 10th July, 2009 at Fifth Floor, 100 Wood Street, London EC2V 7EX, England) and at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents. Copies of the Deed Poll and the applicable Final Terms relating to Australian Domestic Notes will be available for inspection at the specified office of the Registrar following the issue of any Australian Domestic Notes. In addition, Final Terms relating to Notes which are either admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area or offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under Directive 2003/71/EC (the "**Prospectus Directive**") will be available for viewing on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange plc at [www.londonstockexchange.com/en-gb/pricesnews/marketnews/](http://www.londonstockexchange.com/en-gb/pricesnews/marketnews/) or otherwise published in accordance with Article 14 of the Prospectus Directive. The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement (except in respect of Australian Domestic Notes) and the applicable Final Terms which are applicable to them. The statements in these Terms and Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Trust Deed. In the case of Australian Domestic Notes, the Noteholders will also be deemed to have notice of, and will be entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Deed Poll, which will be binding on them.

Words and expressions defined in the Trust Deed and/or (except in respect of Australian Domestic Notes) the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings where used in these Terms and Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed, the Trust Deed shall prevail and, in the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement or the Trust Deed and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between the applicable Final Terms for a series of Australian Domestic Notes and the Deed Poll, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

## **1 Form, Denomination and Title**

The Notes are issued in bearer form ("**Bearer Notes**", which expression includes Notes that are specified to be Exchangeable Bearer Notes), in registered form ("**Registered Notes**") or in bearer form exchangeable for Registered Notes (other than Australian Domestic Notes) ("**Exchangeable Bearer Notes**") in each case in the Specified Denomination(s) shown hereon. Australian Domestic Notes will only be Registered Notes.

All Registered Notes shall have the same Specified Denomination. Where Exchangeable Bearer Notes are issued, the Registered Notes for which they are exchangeable shall have the same Specified Denomination as the lowest denomination of Exchangeable Bearer Notes.

The Notes may be a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, a Zero Coupon Note, an Index Linked Interest Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

The Notes may be an Index Linked Redemption Note, an Instalment Note, a Dual Currency Note, a Partly Paid Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending on the Redemption/Payment Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

Bearer Notes are serially numbered and are issued with Coupons attached, unless they are Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to Coupons and Couponholders in these Terms and Conditions are not applicable.

Registered Notes (other than Australian Domestic Notes) are represented by registered certificates ("**Certificates**") and, save as provided in Condition 2(c), each Certificate shall represent the entire holding of Registered Notes by the same holder.

Title to the Bearer Notes, Receipts and Coupons will pass by delivery. Title to the Registered Notes will pass by registration in the register that the Issuer will procure to be kept by the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement or, in the case of Australian Domestic Notes, these Terms and Conditions (the "**Register**"). The Issuer, any Paying Agent, the Registrar, the Transfer Agents, the Exchange Agent and the Trustee may (to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws) deem and treat the holder (as defined below) of any Note, Receipt or Coupon as the absolute owner for all purposes (whether or not the Note, Receipt or Coupon shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing on the Note, Receipt or Coupon (or on the Certificate representing it) or any notice of previous loss or theft of the Note, Receipt or Coupon (or that of the related Certificate) or of trust or any interest therein) and shall not be required to obtain any proof thereof or as to the identity of such holder and no person shall be liable for so treating the holder.

In these Terms and Conditions, "**Noteholder**" means the bearer of any Bearer Note and the Receipts relating to it or the person in whose name a Registered Note is registered (as the case may be), "**holder**" (in relation to a Note, Receipt or Coupon) means the bearer of any Bearer Note, Receipt or Coupon or the person in whose name a Registered Note is registered (as the case may be) and capitalised terms have the meanings given to them in the applicable Final Terms, the absence of any such meaning indicating that such term is not applicable to the Notes. For the avoidance of doubt, where an Australian Domestic Note is entered into the system operated by Austraclear Limited (ABN 94 002 060 773) ("**Austraclear**") for holding securities and the electronic recording

and settling of transactions in those securities between members of that system (the "**Austraclear System**"), the "**Noteholder**" or "**holder**" of that note is Austraclear.

In the case of Australian Domestic Notes, the following provisions shall apply and shall prevail over the foregoing provisions of this Condition 1 in the event of any inconsistency.

Australian Domestic Notes will be debt obligations of the Issuer constituted by the Deed Poll and will take the form of entries in a register (the "**Register**") to be established and maintained by the Registrar in Sydney, or such other place specified in the applicable Final Terms or agreed with the Registrar. The Issuer will arrange for the Registrar to maintain the Register so as to show at all times such details of the Noteholders and the Notes as are required to be shown on the Register by or for the effective operation of these Terms and Conditions or by law or which the Issuer and Registrar determine should be shown in the Register. Although Australian Domestic Notes will not be constituted by the Trust Deed, Australian Domestic Notes will have the benefit of certain other provisions of the Trust Deed. The Agency Agreement is not applicable to Australian Domestic Notes.

Australian Domestic Notes will not be serially numbered, unless otherwise agreed with the Registrar. Each entry in the Register constitutes a separate and individual acknowledgement to the relevant Noteholder of the indebtedness of the Issuer to the relevant Noteholder. The obligations of the Issuer in respect of each Australian Domestic Note constitute separate and independent obligations which the Noteholder and the Trustee are entitled to enforce in accordance with (and subject to) these Terms and Conditions, the Trust Deed and the Deed Poll. No certificate or other evidence of title will be issued by or on behalf of the Issuer to evidence title to an Australian Domestic Note unless the Issuer determines that certificates should be made available or it is required to do so pursuant to any applicable law or regulation.

No Australian Domestic Note will be registered in the name of more than four persons. Australian Domestic Notes registered in the name of more than one person are held by those persons as joint tenants. Australian Domestic Notes will be registered by name only, without reference to any trusteeship and an entry in the Register in relation to an Australian Domestic Note constitutes conclusive evidence that the person so entered is the absolute owner of such Note, subject to rectification for fraud or error.

Title to an Australian Domestic Note and all rights and entitlements arising by virtue of the Deed Poll or the Trust Deed in respect of that Australian Domestic Note vest absolutely in the registered owner of the Australian Domestic Note, subject to rectification of the Register for fraud or error, such that no person who has previously been registered as the owner of the Australian Domestic Note has or is entitled to assert against the Issuer or the Registrar or the registered owner of the Australian Domestic Note for the time being and from time to time any rights, benefits or entitlements in respect of the Australian Domestic Note.

## **2 Exchanges of Exchangeable Bearer Notes and Transfers of Registered Notes**

### **(a) Exchange of Exchangeable Bearer Notes**

Subject as provided in Condition 2(f), Exchangeable Bearer Notes may be exchanged for the same nominal amount of Registered Notes (other than Australian Domestic Notes) at the request in writing of the relevant Noteholder (in substantially the same form set out in Schedule 3 of the Agency Agreement) and upon surrender of each Exchangeable Bearer Note to be exchanged, together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons relating to it, at the specified office of any Transfer Agent; provided, however, that where an Exchangeable Bearer Note is surrendered for exchange after the Record Date (as defined in Condition 5(c)) for any payment of interest, the Coupon in respect of that payment of interest need not be surrendered with it. Registered Notes may not be exchanged for Bearer Notes. Bearer Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Bearer Notes of another Specified Denomination. Bearer Notes that are not Exchangeable Bearer Notes may not be exchanged for Registered Notes.

### **(b) Transfer of Registered Notes**

This Condition 2(b) does not apply to Australian Domestic Notes.

One or more Registered Notes may be transferred upon the surrender (at the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent) of the Certificate representing such Registered Notes to be transferred, together with the form of transfer endorsed on such Certificate, (or another form of transfer substantially in the same form and containing the same representations and certifications (if any), unless otherwise agreed by the issuer), duly completed and executed and any other evidence as the Registrar or Transfer Agent may reasonably require. In the case of a transfer of part only of a holding of Registered Notes represented by one Certificate, a new Certificate shall be issued to the transferee in respect of the part transferred and a further new Certificate in respect of the balance of the holding not transferred shall be issued to the transferor.

### **(c) Partial Redemption in Respect of Registered Notes**

This Condition 2(c) does not apply to Australian Domestic Notes.

In the case of a partial redemption of a holding of Registered Notes represented by a single Certificate, a new Certificate shall be issued to the holder in respect of the balance of the holding not redeemed. New Certificates shall only be issued against surrender of the existing Certificates to the Registrar or any Transfer Agent. In the case of a transfer of Registered Notes to a person who is already a holder of Registered Notes, a new Certificate representing the enlarged holding shall only be issued against surrender of the Certificate representing the existing holding.

**(d) Delivery of New Certificates**

Each new Certificate to be issued pursuant to Conditions 2(a), (b) or (c) shall only be available for delivery within three business days of receipt of the request for exchange, form of transfer or Put Notice (as defined in Condition 6(d)) and surrender of the Certificate for exchange. Delivery of the new Certificate(s) shall be made at the specified office of the Transfer Agent or of the Registrar (as the case may be) to whom delivery or surrender of such request for exchange, form of transfer, Put Notice or Certificate shall have been made or, at the option of the holder making such delivery or surrender as aforesaid and as specified in the relevant request for exchange, form of transfer, Put Notice or other in writing, be mailed by uninsured post at the risk of the holder entitled to the new Certificate to such address as may be so specified, unless such holder requests otherwise and pays in advance to the relevant Transfer Agent the costs of such other method of delivery and/or such insurance as it may specify. In this Condition (d), "**business day**" means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks are open for business in the place of the specified office of the relevant Transfer Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be).

**(e) Exchange or Transfer Free of Charge**

Exchange and transfer of Notes and Certificates on registration, transfer and exercise of an option or partial redemption shall be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Registrar or the Transfer Agents, but upon payment of any tax or other governmental charges that may be imposed in relation to it (or the giving of such indemnity as the Registrar or the relevant Transfer Agent may require).

**(f) Closed Periods**

No Noteholder may require the transfer of a Registered Note to be registered or an Exchangeable Bearer Note to be exchanged for one or more Registered Note(s) (i) during the period of 15 days (or, in the case of an Australian Domestic Note, eight days) ending on the due date for redemption of, or payment of any Instalment Amount in respect of, that Note, (ii) during the period of 15 days prior to any date on which Notes may be called for redemption by the Issuer at its option pursuant to Condition 6(c), (iii) after any such Note has been called for redemption or (iv) during the period of seven days ending on (and including) any Record Date (or, in the case of Australian Domestic Notes, during the period of eight days ending on the due date for payment of any interest). An Exchangeable Bearer Note called for redemption may, however, be exchanged for one or more Registered Note(s) in respect of which the Certificate is simultaneously surrendered not later than the relevant Record Date.

**(g) Additional Provisions Relating to Transfer of Australian Domestic Notes**

Australian Domestic Notes may be transferred in whole but not in part. Australian Domestic Notes will (subject to the following provisions) be transferred by duly completed and (if applicable) stamped transfer and acceptance forms in the form specified by, and obtainable from, the Registrar or by any other manner approved by the Issuer and the Registrar. Australian Domestic Notes entered in the Austraclear System will be transferable only in accordance with the Austraclear System Regulations.

Application for the transfer of Australian Domestic Notes must be made by the lodgement of a transfer and acceptance form with the Registrar. Each transfer and acceptance form must be signed by the transferor and transferee and be accompanied by such evidence (if any) as the Registrar may require to prove the title of the transferor or the transferor's right to transfer the Australian Domestic Notes and that the form has been properly executed by both the transferor and transferee.

The transferor of an Australian Domestic Note remains the Noteholder of that Australian Domestic Note until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect of that Australian Domestic Note. Transfers will not be registered later than eight days prior to the Maturity Date of an Australian Domestic Note.

Australian Domestic Notes may only be transferred within, to or from Australia if (i) the aggregate consideration payable by the transferee at the time of transfer is at least A\$500,000 (or the equivalent in another currency, in either case disregarding moneys lent by the transferor or its associates) (or, if the Australian Domestic Notes are not listed on the Australian Securities Exchange, the transferee is otherwise not a "retail client" as defined in section 761G of the Corporations Act 2001 and the offer or invitation giving rise to the transfer otherwise does not constitute an offer or invitation for which disclosure is required to be made to investors in accordance with Part 6D.2 or Part 7.9 of the Corporations Act 2001), (ii) the transfer is in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations or directives (including, without limitation, in the case of a transfer to or from Australia, the laws of the jurisdiction in which the transfer takes place), and (iii) in the case of a transfer between persons outside Australia, if a transfer and acceptance form is signed outside Australia. A transfer to an unincorporated association is not permitted.

A person becoming entitled to an Australian Domestic Note as a consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Noteholder or of a vesting order or a person administering the estate of a Noteholder may, upon producing such evidence as to that entitlement or status as the Registrar considers sufficient, transfer the Australian Domestic Note or, if so entitled, become registered as the holder of the Australian Domestic Note.

Where the transferor executes a transfer of less than all Australian Domestic Notes registered in its name, and the specific Australian Domestic Notes to be transferred are not identified, the Registrar may register the transfer in respect of such of the Australian Domestic Notes registered in the name of the transferor as the Registrar thinks fit, provided the aggregate principal amount of the Australian Domestic Notes registered as having been transferred equals the aggregate principal amount of the Australian Domestic Notes expressed to be transferred in the transfer.



### 3 Status of the Notes

The Notes and any relative Receipts and Coupons are direct, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank and will rank *pari passu*, without any preference among themselves, with all other, present and future, outstanding unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer (other than obligations preferred by law).

### 4 Interest

#### (a) Interest on Fixed Rate Notes

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year and on the Maturity Date if that does not fall on an Interest Payment Date.

If the Notes are in definitive form, except as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

As used in these Terms and Conditions, "**Fixed Interest Period**" means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

Except in the case of Notes in definitive form where a Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (i) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Fixed Rate Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (ii) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Fixed Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

In these Terms and Conditions:

"**Fixed Day Count Fraction**" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 4(a):

- (i) if "Actual/Actual (ICMA)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (a) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the "**Accrual Period**") is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; or
  - (b) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:
    - (1) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; and
    - (2) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year assuming interest was to be payable in respect of the whole of that year; and
- (ii) if "30/360" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months) divided by 360.

In these Terms and Conditions:

"**Determination Period**" means each period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date); and

"sub-unit" means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, means one cent.

**(b) Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes**

*(i) Interest Payment Dates*

Each Floating Rate Note and Index Linked Interest Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrear on either:

- (A) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) (each an "**Interest Payment Date**") in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (B) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date (each an "**Interest Payment Date**") which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period (which expression shall, in these Terms and Conditions, mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date).

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final terms and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

- (1) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 4(b)(i)(B), the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (i) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (B) below shall apply *mutatis mutandis* or (ii) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (A) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (B) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (2) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (3) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (4) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In these Terms and Conditions, "**Business Day**" means a day which is both:

- (A) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London and any Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (B) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than London and any Additional Business Centre and which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney or Wellington, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System (the "**TARGET2 System**") is open.

*(ii) Rate of Interest*

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

*(A) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes*

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "**ISDA Rate**" for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. and amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes) (the "**ISDA Definitions**") and under which:

- (1) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (2) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and

- (3) the relevant Reset Date is either (i) if the applicable Floating Rate Option is based on the London inter-bank offered rate ("**LIBOR**") or on the Euro-zone inter-bank offered rate ("**EURIBOR**") for a currency, the first day of that Interest Period or (ii) in any other case, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), (i) "**Floating Rate**", "**Calculation Agent**", "**Floating Rate Option**", "**Designated Maturity**" and "**Reset Date**" have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions, (ii) the definition of "**Banking Day**" in the ISDA Definitions shall be amended to insert after the words "*are open for*" in the second line the word "*general*" and (iii) "**Euro-zone**" means the region comprised of Member States of the European Union that adopt the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended by the Treaty on European Union.

*(B) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes*

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (1) the offered quotation; or
- (2) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

The Agency Agreement contains (or, in the case of Australian Domestic Notes, the Final Terms will contain) provisions for determining the Rate of Interest in the event that the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of (1) above, no such offered quotation appears or, in the case of (2) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at the time specified in the preceding paragraph.

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Notes will be determined as provided in the applicable Final Terms.

*(C) Bank Bill Rate Determination for Australian Domestic Notes*

Where, in relation to an issue of Australian Domestic Notes, Bank Bill Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant Bank Bill Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (C),

- (1) "**Bank Bill Rate**", for an Interest Period, means the average mid rate for Bills having a tenor closest to the Interest Period as displayed on the "BBSW" page of the Reuters Monitor System on the first day of that Interest Period as determined by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent.

However, if the average mid rate is not displayed by 10.30 am on that day, or if it is displayed but the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent determines that there is an obvious error in that rate, "**Bank Bill Rate**" means the rate determined by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent in good faith at approximately 10.30 am on that day, having regard, to the extent possible, to the mid rate of the rates otherwise bid and offered for bank accepted Bills of that tenor at or around that time (including any displayed on the "BBSY" page of the Reuters Monitor System); and

- (2) "**Bill**" has the meaning it has in the Bills of Exchange Act 1909 of Australia and a reference to the acceptance of a Bill is to be interpreted in accordance with that Act.

*(iii) Minimum Rate of Interest and/or Maximum Rate of Interest*

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) above is less than such Minimum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Rate of Interest.

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) above is greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Rate of Interest.

*(iv) Determination of Rate of Interest and calculation of Interest Amounts*

The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, and the Calculation Agent, in the case of Index Linked Interest Notes, will at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period. In

the case of Index Linked Interest Notes, the Calculation Agent will notify the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent of the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent will calculate the amount of interest (the **"Interest Amount"**) payable on the Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes for the relevant Interest Period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (i) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (ii) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note or an Index Linked Interest Note in definitive form comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

**"Day Count Fraction"** means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest for any Interest Period:

- (i) if **"Actual/Actual-ISDA"** or **"Actual/Actual"** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (ii) if **"Actual/365 (Fixed)"** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (iii) if **"Actual/360"** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (iv) if **"30/360"**, **"360/360"** or **"Bond Basis"** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

**"Y<sub>1</sub>"** is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

**"Y<sub>2</sub>"** is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

**"M<sub>1</sub>"** is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

**"M<sub>2</sub>"** is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

**"D<sub>1</sub>"** is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

**"D<sub>2</sub>"** is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and D<sub>1</sub> is greater than 29, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30;

- (v) if **"30E/360"** or **"Eurobond Basis"** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

**"Y<sub>1</sub>"** is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

**"Y<sub>2</sub>"** is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

**"M<sub>1</sub>"** is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

**"M<sub>2</sub>"** is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

**"D<sub>1</sub>"** is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

**"D<sub>2</sub>"** is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30; and

- (vi) if “**30E/360 (ISDA)**” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

“**Y<sub>1</sub>**” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“**Y<sub>2</sub>**” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“**M<sub>1</sub>**” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“**M<sub>2</sub>**” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“**D<sub>1</sub>**” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

“**D<sub>2</sub>**” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30.

*(v) Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts*

The Issuing and Principal Paying Agent will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer, the Registrar (in the case of an Australian Domestic Note) and any stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 13 as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth London Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without prior notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will be promptly notified to each stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13. For the purposes of this paragraph, the expression “**London Business Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in London (and, in the case of Australian Domestic Notes, Sydney).

*(vi) Determination or Calculation by Trustee*

If for any reason at any relevant time the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Calculation Agent defaults in its obligation to determine the Rate of Interest or the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent defaults in its obligation to calculate any Interest Amount in accordance with sub-paragraph (ii)(A), (B) or (C) above or as otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, and in each case in accordance with paragraph (iv) above, the Trustee shall determine the Rate of Interest at such rate as, in its absolute discretion (having such regard as it shall think fit to the foregoing provisions of this Condition 4, but subject always to any Minimum or Maximum Rate of Interest specified in the applicable Final Terms), it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances or, as the case may be, the Trustee shall calculate the Interest Amount(s) in such manner as it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances and each such determination or calculation shall be deemed to have been made by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable.

*(vii) Certificates to be final*

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 4, whether by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent or the Trustee, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent (if applicable), the other Paying Agents and all Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders and (in the absence as aforesaid) no liability to the Issuer, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent or the Trustee in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

**(c) Interest on Dual Currency Notes**

In the case of Dual Currency Notes, if the rate or amount of interest falls to be determined by reference to an exchange rate, the rate or amount of interest payable shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**(d) Interest on Partly Paid Notes**

In the case of Partly Paid Notes (other than Partly Paid Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes), interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid-up nominal amount of such Notes and otherwise as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**(e) *Accrual of interest***

Each Note (or in the case of the redemption of part only of a Note, that part only of such Note) will cease to bear interest (if any) from the date for its redemption unless, upon due presentation thereof (in the case of Notes other than Australian Domestic Notes), payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused or, in the case of Australian Domestic Notes, payment on the due date is improperly withheld or not made. In such event, interest will continue to accrue as provided in the Trust Deed.

**5 Payments**

**(a) *Method of payment***

Subject as provided below:

- (i) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese yen to a non-resident of Japan, shall be a non-resident account) maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the payee, by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney or Wellington, respectively); and
- (ii) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 7.

**(b) *Presentation of Bearer Notes, Receipts and Coupons***

Payments of principal in respect of Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Bearer Notes, and payments of interest in respect of Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction)).

Payments of instalments of principal (if any) in respect of Bearer Notes, other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Receipt in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Payment of the final instalment will be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Note in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the Bearer Note to which it appertains. Receipts presented without the Bearer Note to which they appertain do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer. Upon the date on which any Bearer Note becomes due and repayable, unmatured Receipts (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof.

Fixed Rate Notes in bearer form (other than Dual Currency Notes or Index Linked Notes) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of 10 years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 8) or, if later, five years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Note in bearer form becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Note, Dual Currency Note or Index Linked Interest Note in bearer form becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof.

If the due date for redemption of any definitive Bearer Note is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Note from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against surrender of the relevant definitive Bearer Note.

**(c) Payments in respect of Registered Notes**

This Condition 5(c) does not apply to Australian Domestic Notes.

- (i) Payments of principal (which for purposes of this Condition 5(c) shall include final Instalment Amounts but not other Instalment Amounts) in respect of Registered Notes shall be made against presentation and surrender of the relevant Certificates at the specified office of any of the Transfer Agents or of the Registrar and in the manner provided in the paragraph (ii) below.
- (ii) Interest (which for the purpose of this Condition 5(c) shall include all Instalment Amounts other than final Instalment Amounts) on Registered Notes shall be paid to the person shown on the Register at the close of business on the fifteenth day before the due date for payment thereof (the "**Record Date**"). Payments of interest on each Registered Note shall be made in the relevant currency by cheque drawn on a Bank and mailed to the holder (or to the first named of joint holders) of such Note at its address appearing in the Register on the Record Date. Upon application by the holder to the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent before the Record Date, such payment of interest may be made by transfer to an account in the relevant currency maintained by the payee with a Bank.
- (iii) Payments of principal and interest in respect of Registered Notes registered in the name of, or in the name of a nominee for, The Depository Trust Company ("**DTC**") and denominated in a Specified Currency other than U.S. dollars will be made or procured to be made by transfer by the Registrar to an account in the relevant Specified Currency of the Exchange Agent on behalf of DTC or its nominee in accordance with the following provisions. The amounts in such Specified Currency payable by the Registrar or its agent to DTC with respect to Registered Notes held by DTC or its nominee will be received from the Issuer by the Registrar who will make payments in such Specified Currency by wire transfer of same day funds to the designated bank account in such Specified Currency of those DTC participants entitled to receive the relevant payment who have made an irrevocable election to DTC, in the case of interest payments, on or prior to the third DTC Business Day after the Record Date for the relevant payment of interest and, in the case of payments of principal, at least 12 DTC Business Days prior to the relevant payment date, to receive that payment in such Specified Currency. The Registrar, after the Exchange Agent has converted amounts in such Specified Currency into U.S. dollars, will deliver such U.S. dollar amount in same day funds to DTC for payment through its settlement system to those DTC participants entitled to receive the relevant payment who did not elect to receive such payment in such Specified Currency. The Agency Agreement sets out the manner in which such conversions are to be made. For the purposes of this Condition 5(c), "**DTC Business Day**" means any day on which DTC is open for business.

**(d) General provisions applicable to payments**

The holder of a Global Note or a Global Certificate shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such Global Note or Global Certificate and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note or Global Certificate in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note or Global Certificate must look solely to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note or Global Certificate.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Condition, if any amount of principal and/or interest in respect of Bearer Notes is payable in U.S. dollars, such U.S. dollar payments of principal and/or interest in respect of such Notes will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States if:

- (i) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in U.S. dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and interest on the Notes in the manner provided above when due; and
- (ii) payment of the full amount of such principal and interest at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in U.S. dollars; and
- (iii) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer.

**(e) Payment Day**

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a Payment Day, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes, "**Payment Day**" means any day which (subject to Condition 8) is:

- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:
  - (A) relevant place of presentation (where presentation is required);
  - (B) London; and
  - (C) any Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and

- (ii) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than the place of presentation, London and any Additional Financial Centre and which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney or Wellington, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open.

**(f) Interpretation of principal and interest**

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (i) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 6 or under any undertakings given in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed;
- (ii) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iii) the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iv) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes;
- (v) in relation to Notes redeemable in instalments, the Instalment Amounts;
- (vi) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Amortised Face Amount (as defined in Condition 6(e)); and
- (vii) any premium and any other amounts (other than interest) which may be payable by the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes.

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 7 or any undertakings given in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed.

**(g) Payments in respect of Australian Domestic Notes**

Payments of principal and interest in respect of Australian Domestic Notes will be made in Australian dollars to the persons registered in the Register on the relevant Record Date (as defined below) as the holders of such Australian Domestic Notes or (if so required by the Trustee by notice in writing following the occurrence of an Event of Default or Potential Event of Default or following receipt by the Trustee of any money which it proposes to pay under clause 9 of the Trust Deed) to the Trustee. Payments to holders in respect of each Australian Domestic Note will be made: (i) if the Australian Domestic Note is held by Austraclear and entered in the Austraclear System, by crediting on the relevant Interest Payment Date, the Maturity Date or other date on which payment is due the amount then due to the account or accounts to which payments should be made in accordance with the Austraclear System Regulations or as otherwise agreed with Austraclear; and (ii) if the Australian Domestic Note is not held by Austraclear and entered in the Austraclear System, by crediting on the Interest Payment Date, the Maturity Date or other date on which payment is due, the amount then due to an account in Australia previously notified by the Noteholder(s) of the Australian Domestic Note to the Issuer and the Registrar.

Payment of an amount due in respect of an Australian Domestic Note to the holder or otherwise in accordance with this Condition or to the Trustee discharges the obligation of the Issuer to all persons to pay that amount.

Payments will for all purposes be taken to be made when the Issuer or the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent gives irrevocable instructions for the making of the relevant payment by electronic transfer, being instructions which would be reasonably expected to result, in the ordinary course of banking business, in the funds transferred reaching the account to which the payment is to be made on the same day as the day on which the instructions are given.

If a payment cannot be made in accordance with the foregoing because appropriate account details have not been provided, the Issuer has no obligation to make the payment until the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent has received those details together with a claim for payment and evidence to its satisfaction of the entitlement of the payee. No interest or other amount will be payable in respect of the delay.

If, following the application of Condition 5(e), a payment is due to be made under an Australian Domestic Note to an account on a Payment Day on which banks are not open for general banking business in the city in which the account is located, the Noteholder is not entitled to payment of such amount until the next Payment Day on which banks in such city are open for general banking business and is not entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 7.

In this Condition 5(g) in relation to Australian Domestic Notes, "Record Date" means, in the case of payments of principal or interest, the date which is the eighth calendar day before the due date for the relevant payment of principal or interest.



## **6 Redemption and Purchase**

### **(a) Redemption at maturity**

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each Note will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date.

### **(b) Redemption for tax reasons**

The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time (if this Note is neither a Floating Rate Note nor an Index Linked Interest Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if this Note is either a Floating Rate Note or an Index Linked Interest Note), on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and, in accordance with Condition 13, the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), if:

- (i) on the occasion of the next payment due in respect of the Notes, the Issuer would be required to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 7 as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the Relevant Jurisdiction (as defined in Condition 7) (or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein), or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date on which agreement is reached to issue the first Tranche of the Notes; and
- (ii) such requirement cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it,

provided that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be required to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes then due.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by two Directors of the Issuer stating that the requirement referred to in (i) above will apply on the occasion of the next payment due in respect of the Notes and cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept the certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders. Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this paragraph, the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

Notes redeemed pursuant to this Condition 6(b) will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in paragraph (e) below together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

### **(c) Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)**

If Issuer Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, having given:

- (i) notice within the Issuer Call Period to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13; and
- (ii) not less than 10 days before the giving of the notice referred to in (i), notice to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee;

(which notices shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem all or some only of the Notes then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date. Any such redemption must be of a nominal amount equal to the Minimum Redemption Amount or a Higher Redemption Amount. In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed ("**Redeemed Notes**") will be selected individually by lot, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes or Australian Domestic Notes, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the "**Selection Date**"). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes or Australian Domestic Notes, a list of the serial numbers (or other identifying details in the case of Australian Domestic Notes) of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 13 not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for redemption.

### **(d) Redemption at the option of the Noteholders (Investor Put)**

If Investor Put is specified in the applicable Final Terms, upon the holder of any Note giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 13 notice within the Investor Put Period the Issuer will, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem, subject to, and in accordance with, the terms specified in the applicable Final Terms, in whole (but not in part), such Note on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date. It may be that before an Investor Put can be exercised, certain conditions and/or circumstances will need to be satisfied. Where relevant, the provisions will be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

To exercise this option the holder must deposit (in the case of Bearer Notes) such Note (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons) with any Paying Agent or (in the case of Registered Notes (other than Australian Domestic Notes)) the Certificate representing such Note(s) with the Registrar or any Transfer Agent at its specified office, accompanied by a duly completed and signed notice of exercise (a "**Put Notice**" in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent, the Registrar or any Transfer Agent (as applicable) within the notice period and in which

the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is required to be made by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition. The provisions of this paragraph in relation to Registered Notes (other than Australian Domestic Notes) apply equally to the Australian Domestic Notes, except that it shall not be necessary to deposit a certificate in connection with the exercise of this option in respect of an Australian Domestic Note.

**(e) Early Redemption Amounts**

For the purpose of paragraph (b) above and Condition 9, each Note will be redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount calculated as follows:

- (i) in the case of a Note with a Final Redemption Amount equal to the Issue Price, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof;
- (ii) in the case of a Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note but including an Instalment Note and Partly Paid Note) with a Final Redemption Amount which is or may be less or greater than the Issue Price or which is payable in a Specified Currency other than that in which the Notes are denominated, at the amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms or, if no such amount or manner is so specified in the applicable Final Terms, at its nominal amount; or
- (iii) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note, at an amount (the "**Amortised Face Amount**") equal to the sum of:
  - (A) the Reference Price; and
  - (B) the product of the Accrual Yield (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable.

Where such calculation is to be made for a period which is not a whole number of years, it shall be made (I) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note other than a Zero Coupon Note payable in euro, on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each or (II) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note payable in euro, on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed divided by 365 (or, if any of the days elapsed falls in a leap year, the sum of (x) the number of those days falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (y) the number of those days falling in a non-leap year divided by 365) or (in either case) on such other calculation basis as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**(f) Instalments**

Instalment Notes will be redeemed in the Instalment Amounts and on the Instalment Dates. In the case of early redemption, the Early Redemption Amount will be determined pursuant to paragraph (e) above.

**(g) Partly Paid Notes**

Partly Paid Notes will be redeemed, whether at maturity, early redemption or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 6 and the applicable Final Terms.

**(h) Purchases**

The Issuer or any Subsidiary (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Issuer may at any time purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of Bearer Notes, all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) at any price in the open market or otherwise.

**(i) Cancellation**

All Notes which are (a) redeemed or (b) purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer will forthwith be cancelled (together with all Certificates or unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption) and accordingly may not be reissued or resold. Any Notes which are purchased by or on behalf of any of the Issuer's Subsidiaries may, at the option of the purchaser, be held or resold or surrendered to a Paying Agent for cancellation. Cancellation of an Australian Domestic Note will be taken to have occurred upon redemption of the Note or an entry being made in the Register that the Note has been redeemed or cancelled or transferred to the Issuer.

**(j) Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes**

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Note pursuant to paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 9 is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Note shall be the amount calculated as provided in paragraph (e)(iii) above as though the references therein to the date fixed for the redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and payable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

- (i) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Zero Coupon Note have been paid; and
- (ii) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such Zero Coupon Notes has been received by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

## 7 Taxation

All payments in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons by the Issuer will be made without withholding or deduction for any present or future taxes, assessments or other governmental charges ("**Taxes**") of the Issuer's jurisdiction of incorporation (the "**Relevant Jurisdiction**") (or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein), unless the withholding or deduction of the Taxes is required by law. In that event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts as may be necessary in order that the net amount paid to each holder of any Note, Receipt or Coupon who, with respect to any such Tax is not resident in the Relevant Jurisdiction, after such withholding or deduction shall be not less than the respective amount to which such holder would have been entitled in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon, as the case may be, in the absence of the withholding or deduction; provided however that the Issuer shall not be required to pay any additional amounts (i) for or on account of any such Tax imposed by the United States (or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein) or (ii) for or on account of:

- (a) any Tax which would not have been imposed but for (i) the existence of any present or former connection between a holder (or between a fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary, member or shareholder of, or possessor of a power over, such holder, if such holder is an estate, trust, partnership or corporation) and the Relevant Jurisdiction or any political subdivision or territory or possession thereof or area subject to its jurisdiction, including, without limitation, such holder (or such fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary, member, shareholder or possessor) being or having been a citizen or resident thereof or being or having been present or engaged in trade or business therein or having or having had a permanent establishment therein or (ii) in the case of Notes other than Australian Domestic Notes, the presentation of such Note, Receipt or Coupon (or, in the case of Australian Domestic Notes, a claim for payment being made after that date) (x) for payment on a date more than 30 days after the Relevant Date (as defined below) or (y) in the Relevant Jurisdiction;
- (b) any estate, inheritance, gift, sale, transfer, personal property or similar tax, assessment or other governmental charge;
- (c) any Tax which is payable otherwise than by withholding from payments of (or in respect of) principal of, or any interest on, such Note, Receipt or Coupon;
- (d) any Tax that is imposed or withheld by reason of the failure by the holder or any beneficial owner of such Note, Receipt or Coupon to comply with a request of the Issuer given to the holder in accordance with Condition 13 (i) to provide information concerning the nationality, residence or identity of the holder or any beneficial owner or (ii) to make any declaration or other similar claim or satisfy any information or reporting requirements, which, in the case of (i) or (ii), is required or imposed by a statute, treaty, regulation or administrative practice of the Relevant Jurisdiction as a precondition to exemption from all or part of such Tax;
- (e) any Tax imposed on a payment to an individual which is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive;
- (f) any Tax payable with respect to a Note, Receipt or Coupon presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union; or
- (g) any combination of items (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) above,

nor shall the Issuer be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to any payment of the principal of, or any interest on, any Note, Receipt or Coupon to any holder who is a fiduciary or partnership or other than the sole beneficial owner of such payment to the extent such payment would be required by the laws of the Relevant Jurisdiction (or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein) to be included in the income for tax purposes of a beneficiary or settlor with respect to such fiduciary or a member of such partnership or a beneficial owner which would not have been entitled to such additional amounts had it been the holder of such Note, Receipt or Coupon.

As used herein:

"**Relevant Date**" means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13; and

"**United States**" means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia) and its possessions (including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and the Northern Mariana Islands).

## 8 Prescription

The Notes, Receipts and Coupons will become void unless presented for payment (or, in the case of Australian Domestic Notes, unless a claim for payment is made) within a period of 10 years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7) therefor (subject to the provisions of Condition 5(b)).

There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition or Condition 5(b) or any Talon which would be void pursuant to Condition 5(b).

## **9 Events of Default and Enforcement**

### **(A) Events of Default**

The Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-quarter in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders shall (subject in each case to being indemnified to its satisfaction), give notice to the Issuer that the Notes are, and they shall accordingly forthwith become, immediately due and repayable at their Early Redemption Amount as referred to in Condition 6(e), together (if applicable) with accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed, in any of the following events ("**Events of Default**"):

- (a) if default is made in the payment of any principal or any interest due in respect of the Notes or any of them and the default continues for a period of 14 days in the case of a payment of principal or 21 days in the case of a payment of interest; or
- (b) if the Issuer fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under these Terms and Conditions or the Trust Deed and (except in any case where the Trustee considers the failure to be incapable of remedy when no such continuation or notice as is hereinafter mentioned will be required) the failure continues for the period of 30 days (or such longer period as the Trustee may permit) next following the service by the Trustee on the Issuer of notice requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (c) if any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money of the Issuer becomes due and repayable prematurely by reason of an event of default (however described) or the Issuer fails to make any payment in respect of any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money on the due date for payment (as extended by any originally applicable grace period) or any security given by the Issuer for any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money becomes enforceable by reason of default in relation thereto and steps are taken to enforce such security or if default is made by the Issuer in making any payment due under any guarantee and/or indemnity (at the expiry of any originally applicable grace period) given by it in relation to any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money of any other person, provided that no event shall constitute an Event of Default unless the Indebtedness for Borrowed Money or other relative liability either alone or when aggregated with other Indebtedness for Borrowed Money and/or other liabilities relative to all (if any) other events which shall have occurred equals or exceeds (i) £50,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) in relation to any such event falling on or before 1st August, 2014 and (ii) £150,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) in relation to any such event falling after 1st August, 2014; or
- (d) if any order is made by any competent court or resolution passed for the winding up or dissolution of the Issuer, save for the purposes of a reorganisation on terms approved in writing by the Trustee; or
- (e) if the Issuer stops payment of, or is unable to, or admits inability to, pay, its debts (or any class of its debts) as they fall due, or is deemed unable to pay its debts (within the meaning of section 123(1)(e) or (2) of the Insolvency Act 1986), or is adjudicated or found bankrupt or insolvent or shall enter into any composition or other similar arrangements with its creditors under section 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- (f) if (i) an administrative or other receiver, manager, administrator or other similar official is appointed in relation to the Issuer or, as the case may be, in relation to the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking or assets of it, or an encumbrancer takes possession of the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking or assets of it, or a distress, execution, attachment, sequestration or other process is levied, enforced upon, sued out or put in force against the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking or assets of it and (ii) in any case (other than the appointment of an administrator) is not discharged, removed or paid within 45 days;

PROVIDED, in the case of any Event of Default other than those described in paragraphs (a) and (d) above, the Trustee shall have certified in writing to the Issuer that the Event of Default is, in its opinion, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders.

For the purposes of this Condition, "**Indebtedness for Borrowed Money**" means any present or future indebtedness (whether being principal, premium, interest or other amounts) for or in respect of (i) money borrowed, (ii) liabilities under or in respect of any acceptance or acceptance credit or (iii) any bonds, notes, debentures, debenture stock or loan stock.

### **(B) Enforcement**

The Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without notice, take such proceedings against the Issuer as it may think fit to enforce the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Deed Poll, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons, but it shall not be bound to take any such proceedings or any other action in relation to the Trust Deed, the Deed Poll, the Notes, the Receipts or the Coupons unless (i) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the relevant Noteholders or so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-quarter in nominal amount of the relevant Notes then outstanding, and (ii) it shall have been indemnified to its satisfaction.

Save as otherwise provided herein, no Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails so to do within a reasonable period and the failure shall be continuing.

## **10 Replacement of Notes, Certificates, Receipts, Coupons and Talons**

This Condition 10 does not apply to Australian Domestic Notes.

Should any Note, Certificate, Receipt, Coupon or Talon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons) and of the Registrar (in the case of Certificates) upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Certificates, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## **11 Agents**

The names of the initial Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, the other Paying Agents, the Registrar and the Transfer Agents and their initial specified offices are set out below or, in the case of Australian Domestic Notes, in the applicable Final Terms.

The Issuer is entitled, with the prior written approval of the Trustee, to vary or terminate the appointment of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, any other Paying Agent, the Registrar or any Transfer Agent and/or appoint additional or other Paying Agents or Transfer Agents or another Registrar and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any such agent acts, provided that:

- (i) there will at all times be an Issuing and Principal Paying Agent;
- (ii) there will at all times be a Registrar and (except in relation to Australian Domestic Notes) a Transfer Agent in relation to Registered Notes;
- (iii) so long as the Notes are listed on any stock exchange, there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority;
- (iv) there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in a city approved by the Trustee outside the Relevant Jurisdiction; and
- (v) save where it may from time to time be otherwise agreed with the Trustee that it is unduly onerous or not current market practice at the relevant time to do so and save to the extent that the following requirement is not met by virtue of paragraph (iii) above and, except in the case of Australian Domestic Notes, there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in a European Union member state that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in Condition 5(d).

Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of insolvency, when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice thereof shall have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

In acting under the Agency Agreement or an Australian Agency Agreement, the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent, the Paying Agents, the Registrar and the Transfer Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and, in certain limited circumstances, of the Trustee and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency or trust with, any Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders (except that sums received from or on behalf of the Issuer for the payment of principal or interest on any Australian Domestic Notes may be held on trust for the benefit of the persons entitled thereto until such sums shall be paid to such persons or otherwise disposed of as may be set forth in the Australian Agency Agreement). The Agency Agreement contains, and any Australian Agency Agreement may contain, provisions permitting any entity into which any Paying Agent or Registrar or Transfer Agent is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or to which it transfers all or substantially all of its assets to become the successor paying agent, registrar or transfer agent, as the case may be.

An approval given by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar for an Australian Domestic Note for any purpose under its Australian Agency Agreement does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement by such person of the Note but only indicates that it is considered by the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or the Registrars, as the case may be, to be compatible with the performance of its obligations under the Australian Agency Agreement.

## **12 Exchange of Talons**

On and after the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 8.

## **13 Notices**

Notices to the holders of Registered Notes shall be mailed to them at their respective addresses in the Register and deemed to have been given on the fourth weekday (being a day other than a Saturday or Sunday) after the date of mailing. Alternatively, notices to holders of Australian Domestic Notes may

be given by being published in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in Australia. It is expected that such notices will normally be published in the *Australian Financial Review*. Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the first date of such publication.

Notices to the holders of Bearer Notes will be deemed to be validly given if published in a leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in the United Kingdom. It is expected that such publication will be made in the *Financial Times*. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any stock exchange or any other relevant authority on which the Notes are for the time being listed. Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication.

Notices to be given by any Noteholder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together (in the case of any Note in definitive form) with the relative Note or Notes, with the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes). Couponholders shall be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the holders of Bearer Notes in accordance with this Condition.

#### **14 Meeting of Noteholders, Modification, Authorisation, Waiver, Determination and Substitution**

##### **(a) Meetings**

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of any of the provisions of these Terms and Conditions, the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or the Trust Deed. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer or by Noteholders holding not less than 10 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more persons holding or representing a clear majority in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Noteholders shall be binding on all the Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Receiptholders and Couponholders.

##### **(b) Modification, Authorisation, Waiver, Determination, Substitution etc.**

The Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders, to any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of these Terms and Conditions or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed or the Deed Poll or determine, without any such consent as aforesaid, that any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default (as defined in the Trust Deed) shall not be treated as such, which in any such case is not, in the opinion of the Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders or may agree, without any such consent as aforesaid, to any modification which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct a manifest error.

In connection with the exercise by it of any of its trusts, powers, authorities and discretions (including, without limitation, any modification, waiver, authorisation, determination or substitution), the Trustee shall have regard to the general interests of the Noteholders as a class but shall not have regard to any interests arising from circumstances particular to individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders (whatever their number) and, in particular but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequences of any such exercise for individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders (whatever their number) resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory or any political sub-division thereof and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer, the Trustee or any other person any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequence of any such exercise upon individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders except to the extent already provided for in Condition 7 and/or any undertaking given in addition to, or in substitution for, Condition 7 pursuant to the Trust Deed.

The Trustee may, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, agree with the Issuer to the substitution in place of the Issuer (or of any previous substitute under this Condition) as principal debtor in respect of the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons and under the Trust Deed and (in the case of Australian Domestic Notes) the Deed Poll of either (i) a Successor in Business (as defined in the Trust Deed) to the Issuer or (ii) a Holding Company of the Issuer or (iii) a Subsidiary of the Issuer, in each case subject to the Trustee being satisfied that the interests of the Noteholders will not be materially prejudiced thereby provided that in determining such material prejudice the Trustee shall not take into account any prejudice to the interests of the Noteholders as a result of such substituted company not being required pursuant to proviso (i) to Condition 7 to pay any additional amounts for or on account of any Taxes imposed by the United States of America or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein and certain other conditions set out in the Trust Deed being complied with.

The Trust Deed contains provisions permitting the Issuer to consolidate with or merge into any other person or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any person provided that (i) in the case of a consolidation or merger (except where the Issuer is the continuing entity) such person agrees to be bound by the terms of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons, the Trust Deed and the Deed Poll as principal debtor in place of the Issuer; (ii) in the case of a conveyance, transfer or lease, such person guarantees the obligations of the Issuer under the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Trust Deed and (iii) certain other conditions set out in the Trust Deed are complied with.

Any such modification, waiver, authorisation, determination or substitution shall be binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders and, unless the Trustee otherwise agrees, any such modification or substitution shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 as soon as practicable thereafter.

For the purposes of this Condition “**Holding Company**” means, in relation to a person, an entity of which that person is a Subsidiary.

*N.B. The Trust Deed does not contain any provisions requiring higher quorums in any circumstances.*

## **15 Further Issues**

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders to create and issue further notes having terms and conditions the same as the Notes or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Notes. The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening a single meeting of the Noteholders and the holders of notes of other Series in certain circumstances where the Trustee so decides.

## **16 Indemnification of the Trustee and its Contracting with the Issuer**

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for its relief from responsibility, including provisions relieving it from taking action unless indemnified to its satisfaction.

The Trust Deed also contains provisions pursuant to which the Trustee is entitled, *inter alia*, (i) to enter into business transactions with the Issuer and/or any of its Subsidiaries and to act as trustee for the holders of any other securities issued or guaranteed by, or relating to, the Issuer and/or any of its Subsidiaries, (ii) to exercise and enforce its rights, comply with its obligations and perform its duties under or in relation to any such transactions or, as the case may be, any such trusteeship without regard to the interests of, or consequences for, the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, and (iii) to retain and not be liable to account for any profit made or any other amount or benefit received thereby or in connection therewith.

## **17 Third Party Rights**

No rights are conferred on any person under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of the Notes, but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

## **18 Governing Law**

The Trust Deed, the Notes (other than Australian Domestic Notes), the Receipts and the Coupons, and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with any of them, are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with, English law. The Agency Agreement is governed by and shall be construed in accordance with English law.

The Australian Domestic Notes, the Deed Poll and (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) each Australian Agency Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws in force in New South Wales, Australia, save that the provisions of Condition 9 and Condition 14 shall be interpreted so as to have the same meaning they would have if governed by English law. In the case of Australian Domestic Notes, the Issuer has irrevocably agreed for the benefit of Noteholders that the courts of New South Wales, Australia are to have non-exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Australian Domestic Notes and the Deed Poll and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Australian Domestic Notes or the Deed Poll (together referred to as “**Australian Proceedings**”) may be brought in such courts.

The Issuer has irrevocably waived any objection which it may have now or hereafter to the laying of the venue of any Australian Proceedings in any such court and any claim that any such Australian Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and has further irrevocably agreed that a judgment in any such Australian Proceedings brought in the courts of New South Wales shall be conclusive and binding upon it and may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction.

For so long any Australian Domestic Notes are outstanding, the Issuer will appoint an agent to accept service of process on its behalf in New South Wales in respect of any Australian Proceedings such agent being as specified in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of such agent ceasing to act, the Issuer will immediately appoint another agent in Sydney.

## Use of Proceeds

The net proceeds from each issue of Notes will be applied by the Issuer for the general purposes of the Issuer and such specific purposes as may be determined from time to time. If in respect of any particular issue of Notes, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms.



# Description of the Issuer

## Background

Vodafone Group Plc ("**Vodafone**") was incorporated as a private limited company on 17th July, 1984 under the laws of England and Wales with registration number 1833679 and re-registered as a public limited company on 14th September, 1988. The registered office of Vodafone is at Vodafone House, The Connection, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 2FN and its telephone number is +44 (0) 1635 33251. Vodafone, together with its subsidiary undertakings, joint ventures, associated undertakings and investments, are collectively referred to as the "**Group**".

The Issuer is, directly or indirectly, the ultimate holding company of all the companies in the Group and its assets are substantially comprised of shares in such companies. It does not conduct any other business and is accordingly dependent on the other members of the Group and revenues received from them.

Vodafone had a market capitalisation of approximately £66.9 billion as at 18th May, 2009.

## Principal Activities

Vodafone is the world's leading international mobile communications group by revenue, providing a wide range of communications services. The Group has a significant global presence, with equity interests in over 30 countries and over 40 partner networks worldwide. The Group is organised in three geographic regions: Europe, Africa and Central Europe; Asia Pacific and Middle East; and Verizon Wireless in the United States. Vodafone's strategy is focused on improving operational execution and pursuing growth opportunities in total telecommunications services, while delivering strong free cash flow.

At 31st March, 2009, the proportionate mobile customer base was 302.6 million based on the equity interests in mobile telecommunications ventures at that date. The Group mobile customer base for controlled (fully consolidated) and jointly controlled (proportionately consolidated) operations was 264.2 million.

Vodafone offers voice, messaging, data and fixed broadband services through multiple solutions and supporting technologies to deliver on its total communications strategy. The advancements in 3G networks and download speeds, handset capabilities and the mobilisation of internet services have contributed to an acceleration of data services usage growth.

Vodafone continues to promote innovation in products and services across the range of its markets. For example, over 6 million people are now using the Vodafone Money Transfer system (branded M-PESA in Kenya) in Kenya, Tanzania and Afghanistan. In total, they are sending approximately US\$200 million a month, mostly as small transactions of less than US\$20. With over 4 billion people owning mobile handsets, Vodafone believes that for the majority of the world's population, mobile is likely to be the primary means of access to the internet. Higher speed networks in markets such as South Africa and Egypt increase the speed and range of internet access. Using economies of scale to work with handset manufacturers has allowed approximately 8 million customers to gain access to communications through Vodafone's ultra low cost handsets during the year, at the same time helping to make Vodafone the second largest handset brand in India.

In Vodafone's developed markets, it aims to continue to enhance its customers' communication capability, with innovative products such as netbooks and laptops with embedded SIM cards to connect directly to higher speed mobile data networks. The industry is undergoing an important change away from the predominance of voice traffic; Vodafone believes that within a few years most of the traffic on Vodafone's European network will consist of data. Vodafone aims to promote services, particularly for small and medium enterprises, which increase workforce flexibility and enable greater efficiency and cost control.

## Share Capital

As at 31st March, 2009, the issued share capital of the Issuer comprised 50,000 7% cumulative fixed rate shares of £1.00 each (the "**Fixed Rate Shares**") and 52,483,872,615 ordinary shares (excluding treasury shares) of US\$0.11 $\frac{3}{4}$  each. All the Fixed Rate Shares and the ordinary shares of the Issuer are fully paid.

Holders of the Fixed Rate Shares are entitled to be paid in respect of each financial year, or other accounting period of the Issuer, a fixed cumulative preferential dividend of 7% per annum on the nominal value of the Fixed Rate Shares. The Fixed Rate Shares do not have any other right to share in the Issuer's profits. Holders of the Fixed Rate Shares are only entitled to vote on any resolution to vary or abrogate the rights attached to the Fixed Rate Shares. Holders have one vote for every fully-paid Fixed Rate Share. In the event of the liquidation of the Issuer, after payment of all liabilities and deductions in accordance with English law, the holders of the Fixed Rate Shares would be entitled to a sum equal to the capital paid up on such shares, together with certain dividend payments, in priority to holders of the Issuer's ordinary shares.

## **Memorandum of Association**

The Issuer's objects are set out in the fourth clause of its memorandum of association and cover a wide range of activities, including to carry on the business of a holding company, to carry on business as dealers in, operators, manufacturers, repairers, designers, developers, importers and exporters of electronic, electrical, mechanical and aeronautical equipment of all types as well as to carry on all other businesses necessary to attain the Issuer's objectives. The memorandum of association grants the Issuer a broad range of powers to effect its objects.

## **Major Developments and Principal Investments**

On 17th August, 2008, the Group completed the acquisition of 70.0% of Ghana Telecommunications for cash consideration of £486 million, all of which was paid during the year. The initial purchase price allocation has been determined provisionally pending the completion of the final valuation of the fair value of net assets acquired.

On 18th December, 2008, the Group completed the acquisition of an additional 4.8% stake in Polkomtel S.A. for net cash consideration of €186 million (£171 million). The acquisition increased Vodafone's stake in Polkomtel S.A. from 19.6% to 24.4%.

On 30th December, 2008, Vodacom Group (Pty) Limited ("**Vodacom**") acquired the carrier services and business network solutions subsidiaries ("**Gateway**") of Gateway Telecommunications SA (Pty) Ltd. Gateway provides services in more than 40 countries in Africa.

On 9th January, 2009, Verizon Wireless completed its acquisition of Alltel Corp. ("**Alltel**") for approximately US\$5.9 billion (£3.9 billion), purchasing Alltel's equity and acquiring and repaying Alltel's debt with Verizon Wireless and Alltel cash as well as the proceeds from capital market transactions. The Alltel acquisition added 13.2 million customers before required divestitures. Verizon Wireless expects to realise synergies with a net present value, after integration costs, of more than US\$9 billion, driven by aggregate capital and operating expense savings. Increased debt in relation to the acquisition of Alltel led to a £150 million interest charge for the quarter ended 31st March, 2009. As part of regulatory approval for the Alltel acquisition, Verizon Wireless is required to divest overlapping properties in 105 markets, corresponding to 2.2 million customers. On 8th May, 2009, Verizon Wireless announced an agreement with AT&T, which will acquire the network assets and mobile licences of 79 of these markets, corresponding to 1.5 million of these customers, for US\$2.35 billion.

On 9th February, 2009, the Group announced an agreement to merge its Australian business with Hutchison Telecommunications (Australia) Limited, forming a 50:50 joint venture. On 9th June, 2009, Vodafone announced that it had obtained all necessary regulatory and shareholder approvals and that the merger of Vodafone Australia Limited and Hutchison 3G Australia Pty Limited has been completed.

On 20th April, 2009, the Group acquired an additional 15% stake in Vodacom in which it had an existing 50% interest as part of a joint venture, for cash consideration of ZAR20.6 billion (£1.6 billion). On 18th May, 2009, Vodacom became a subsidiary undertaking following the listing of its shares on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and concurrent termination of the shareholder agreement with Telkom SA Limited, the seller and previous joint venture partner. During the period from 20th April, 2009 to 18th May, 2009, the Group continued to account for Vodacom as a joint venture, proportionately consolidating 65% of the results of Vodacom. The Congress of South African Trade Unions has instituted proceedings against, among other parties, Vodacom and its subsidiary, Vodacom (Pty) Limited in connection with the sale of shares in Vodacom and certain other related inter-conditional transactions (see "*General Information — Legal Proceedings*").

On 10th May, 2009, Vodafone Qatar completed a public offering of 40% of its authorised share capital, raising QAR 3.4 billion (£0.6 billion). The shares are expected to be listed on the Doha securities market by July 2009.

## **Recent Trends, Uncertainties and Demands**

Save as disclosed under "*Risk Factors — Factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme*" and "*General Information — Legal Proceedings*", the Issuer is not aware of any known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Issuer's prospects for the current financial year.

## **Management**

The directors of Vodafone, their functions in the Group and an indication of the principal activities performed by them outside the Group, where these are significant with respect to the Group, are as follows:

### **Chairman**

**Sir John Bond** became Chairman of Vodafone Group Plc in July 2006, having previously served as a non-executive director of the Board of Directors (the "**Board**"), and is Chairman of the Nominations and Governance Committee. Sir John is a non-executive director of A.P. Møller — Mærsk A/S and Shui On Land Limited (Hong Kong SAR). He retired from the position of Group Chairman of HSBC Holdings plc in May 2006, after 45 years of service. Other previous roles include Chairman of HSBC Bank plc and director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and HSBC North America Holdings Inc. Previous non-executive directorships include the London Stock Exchange plc, Orange plc, British Steel plc, the Court of the Bank of England and Ford Motor Company, USA.

### ***Executive directors***

**Vittorio Colao**, was appointed Chief Executive of the Issuer after the AGM on 29th July, 2008. He joined the Board in October 2006 as Chief Executive, Europe and Deputy Chief Executive. Vittorio spent the early part of his career as a partner in the Milan office of McKinsey & Co working on media, telecommunications and industrial goods and was responsible for recruitment. In 1996, he joined Omnitel Pronto Italia, which subsequently became Vodafone Italy, and he was appointed Chief Executive in 1999. He was then appointed Regional Chief Executive Officer, Southern Europe for Vodafone Group Plc in 2001, became a member of the Board in 2002 and was appointed to the role of Regional Chief Executive Officer for Southern Europe, Middle East and Africa for Vodafone in 2003. In 2004, he left Vodafone to join RCS MediaGroup, the leading Italian publishing company, where he was Chief Executive until he rejoined Vodafone.

**Michel Combes**, Chief Executive Officer, Europe Region, was appointed to the Board with effect from 1st June, 2009. He joined Vodafone in October 2008. Michel began his career at France Telecom in 1986 in the External Networks Division, and then moved to the Industrial and International Affairs Division. After being technical advisor to the Minister of Transportation from 1991 to 1995, he served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GlobeCast from 1995 to 1999. He was Executive Vice President of Nouvelles Frontières Group from December 1999 until the end of 2001, when he moved to the position of Chief Executive Officer of Assystem-Brime, a company specialising in industrial engineering. He returned to France Telecom Group in 2003 as Senior Vice President of Group Finance and Chief Financial Officer. Until January 2006, Michel was Senior Executive Vice President, in charge of NExT Financial Balance & Value Creation and a member of the France Telecom Group Strategic Committee. From 2006 to 2008, he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of TDF Group.

**Andy Halford**, Chief Financial Officer, joined the Board in July 2005. Andy joined Vodafone in 1999 as Financial Director for Vodafone Limited, the UK operating company, and in 2001 he became Financial Director for Vodafone's Northern Europe, Middle East and Africa region. In 2002, he was appointed Chief Financial Officer of Verizon Wireless in the US and is currently a member of the Board of Representatives of the Verizon Wireless partnership. He is also a director of Vodafone Essar Limited. Prior to joining Vodafone, he was Group Finance Director at East Midlands Electricity Plc. Andy holds a bachelors degree in Industrial Economics from Nottingham University and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

**Steve Pusey**, Group Chief Technology Officer, joined Vodafone in September 2006 and was appointed to the Board with effect from 1 June 2009. He is responsible for all aspects of Vodafone's networks, IT capability, research and development and supply chain management. Prior to joining Vodafone, he held the positions of Executive Vice President and President, Nortel EMEA, having joined Nortel in 1982, gaining a wealth of international experience across both the wireline and wireless industries and in business applications and solutions. Prior to Nortel, he spent several years with British Telecom.

### ***Deputy Chairman and senior independent director***

**John Buchanan** became Deputy Chairman and senior independent director in July 2006 and has been a member of the Board since April 2003 and is a member of the Nominations and Governance Committee and the Audit Committee. He retired from the board of directors of BP p.l.c. in 2002 after six years as Group Chief Financial Officer and executive director, following a wide-ranging career with the company. He was a member of the United Kingdom Accounting Standards Board from 1997 to 2001. He is Chairman of Smith & Nephew plc, a non-executive director of AstraZeneca PLC and senior independent director of BHP Billiton Plc.

### ***Non-executive directors***

**Alan Jebson** joined the Board in December 2006 and is a member of the Audit Committee. He retired in May 2006 from his role as Group Chief Operating Officer of HSBC Holdings plc, a position which included responsibility for IT and Global Resourcing. During a long career with HSBC, Alan held various positions in IT, including the position of Group Chief Information Officer. His roles included responsibility for the Group's international systems, including the consolidation of HSBC and Midland systems following the acquisition of Midland Bank in 1993. He originally joined HSBC as Head of IT Audit in 1978 where, building upon his qualification as a chartered accountant, he built an international audit team and implemented controls in the Group's application systems. He is also a non-executive director of Experian Group plc and MacDonald Dettwiler and Associates Ltd. in Canada.

**Samuel Jonah** joined the Board as a non-executive director on 1st April, 2009. He is Executive Chairman of Jonah Capital (Pty) Limited, an investment holding company in South Africa and serves on the boards of various public and private companies, including The Standard Bank Group. He previously worked for Ashanti Goldfields Company Limited, becoming Chief Executive Officer in 1986, and was formerly President of AngloGold Ashanti Limited, a director of Lonmin Plc and a member of the Advisory Council of the President of the African Development Bank. He is an adviser to the Presidents of Ghana, South Africa and Nigeria. An Honorary Knighthood was conferred on him by Her Majesty the Queen in 2003 and in 2006 he was awarded Ghana's highest national award, the Companion of the Order of the Star.

**Nick Land** joined the Board in December 2006. Solely for the purposes of relevant legislation, he is the Board's appointed financial expert on the Audit Committee. In June 2006, he retired as Chairman of Ernst & Young LLP after a distinguished career spanning 36 years with the firm. He became an audit partner in 1978 and held a number of management appointments before becoming Managing Partner in 1992. He was appointed Chairman and joined the Global Executive Board of Ernst & Young Global LLP in 1995. He is a non-executive director of Royal Dutch Shell plc, Alliance Boots GmbH, BBA Aviation plc and the Ashmore Group plc. He also sits on the Advisory Board of Three Delta, is Chairman of the Practices Advisory Board of the Institute of

Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and of the Board of Trustees of Farnham Castle, and is a member of the Finance and Audit Committees of the National Gallery. Nick is also a trustee of The Vodafone Foundation.

**Anne Lauvergeon** joined the Board in November 2005 and is a member of the Audit Committee. She is Chief Executive Officer of AREVA Group, the leading French energy company, having been appointed to that role in July 2001. She started her professional career in 1983 in the steel industry and in 1990 she was named Adviser for Economic International Affairs at the French Presidency and Deputy Chief of its Staff in 1991. In 1995, she became a Partner of Lazard Frères & Cie, subsequently joining Alcatel Telecom as Senior Executive Vice President in March 1997. She was responsible for international activities and the Group's industrial shareholdings in the energy and nuclear fields. In 1999, she was appointed Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AREVA NC. Anne is currently also a member of the Advisory Board of the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS and a non-executive director of Total S.A. and GDF SUEZ.

**Simon Murray CBE** joined the Board in July 2007 and is a member of the Remuneration Committee. His career has been largely based in Asia, where he has held positions with Jardine Matheson, Deutsche Bank and Hutchison Whampoa Limited where, as Group Managing Director, he oversaw the development and launch of mobile telecommunications networks in many parts of the world. He remains on the Boards of Cheung Kong Holdings Limited, Compagnie Financière Richemont SA and Orient Overseas (International) Limited and is an Advisory Board Member of the China National Offshore Oil Corporation. He also sits on the Advisory Board of Imperial College in London and is an advisor to Macquarie (HK) Limited.

**Luc Vandeveld** joined the Board in September 2003 and is Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Nominations and Governance Committee. He is a director of Société Générale and the Founder and Managing Director of Change Capital Partners LLP, a private equity fund. Luc was formerly Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Carrefour SA, Chairman of Marks & Spencer Group plc and Chief Executive Officer of Promodès, and he has held senior European and international roles with Kraft General Foods.

**Anthony Watson CBE** was appointed to the Board in May 2006 and is a member of the Remuneration Committee. He is currently Chairman of Marks & Spencer Pension Trust Ltd and the Asian Infrastructure Fund. He is also a non-executive director of Hammerson plc, Witan Investment Trust and Lloyds Banking Group plc and is on the Advisory Board of Norges Bank Investment Management. He became a member of the Advisory Group to the Shareholder Executive in April 2008. Prior to joining the Board, he was Chief Executive of Hermes Pensions Management Limited, a position he had held since 2002. Previously he was Hermes' Chief Investment Officer, having been Managing Director of AMP Asset Management and the Chief International Investment Officer of Citicorp Investment Management from 1991 until joining Hermes in 1998. Tony was Chairman of The Strategic Investment Board in Northern Ireland but retired in March 2009. In January 2009, Tony was awarded a CBE for his services to the economic redevelopment of Northern Ireland.

**Philip Yea** became a member of the Board in September 2005 and is a member of the Remuneration Committee. From July 2004 until January 2009, he was Chief Executive Officer of 3i Group plc. Prior to joining 3i, he was Managing Director of Investcorp and, from 1997 to 1999, Group Finance Director of Diageo plc following the merger of Guinness plc, where he was Finance Director, and Grand Metropolitan plc. He has previously held non-executive roles at HBOS plc and Manchester United plc. He is the Chairman of the trustees of the British Heart Foundation.

#### **Board Committees**

The Board has established an Audit Committee, a Nominations and Governance Committee and a Remuneration Committee, each of which has formal terms of reference approved by the Board. The Board is satisfied that the terms of reference for each of these committees satisfy the requirements of the Combined Code and are reviewed internally on an ongoing basis by the Board. The terms of reference for all Board committees can be found on the Issuer's website at [www.vodafone.com/governance](http://www.vodafone.com/governance) or a copy can be obtained by application to the Company Secretary at the Issuer's registered office.

#### **Audit Committee**

Under its terms of reference, the Audit Committee, whose membership is made up entirely of independent directors, is required, amongst other things, to review the Issuer's results and financial statements, review the activity of the internal and external auditors and monitor compliance with statutory and listing requirements. The members of the Audit Committee are set out below:

John Buchanan  
Alan Jebson  
Nick Land, Chairman  
Anne Lauvergeon

#### **Nominations and Governance Committee**

The Nominations and Governance Committee provides a formal and transparent procedure for the appointment of new directors to the Board and normally engages external consultants to advise on prospective Board appointees. The Nominations and Governance Committee meets periodically

when required. The Committee reports to the Board on a regular basis and has the power to employ the services of such advisers as it deems necessary to fulfil its responsibilities. The members of the Nominations and Governance Committee are set out below:

Sir John Bond, Chairman  
John Buchanan  
Luc Vandeveldel

#### **Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee, whose membership is made up entirely of independent directors, is responsible to the Board for the assessment and recommendation of policy on executive remuneration and packages for individual executive directors. The members of the Remuneration Committee are set out below:

Luc Vandeveldel, Chairman  
Simon Murray  
Anthony Watson  
Philip Yea

#### **Executive Committee**

Chaired by Vittorio Colao, this committee focuses on the Group's strategy, financial structure and planning, succession planning, organisational development and Group-wide policies. The Executive Committee membership comprises the executive directors, details of whom are shown above, and the senior managers who are listed below.

#### **Senior Management**

Members of the Executive Committee who are not also executive directors are regarded as senior managers of Vodafone.

**Warren Finegold**, Chief Executive Officer, Global Business Development, was appointed to this position and joined the Executive Committee in April 2006. He was previously a Managing Director of UBS Investment Bank and head of its technology team in Europe. He is responsible for business development, mergers and acquisitions and partner networks.

**Matthew Kirk**, Group External Affairs Director, was appointed to his current position and joined the Executive Committee in March 2009. Matthew joined Vodafone in 2006 as Group Director of External Relationships. Prior to that, he was a member of the British Diplomatic Service for more than 20 years. He also led the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office programme of investment in IT and telecommunications for three years and before joining Vodafone served as British Ambassador to Finland.

**Terry Kramer**, Group Strategy and Business Improvement Director, joined Vodafone in January 2005 as Chief of Staff and was appointed Group Human Resources Director in December 2006. Terry's role was then expanded to include Vodafone Group Strategy and in September 2008, he was appointed to his current role. Prior to joining Vodafone, he was Chief Executive Officer of Q Comm International, a publicly traded provider of transaction processing services for the telecommunications industry. He also worked for 12 years at PacTel/AirTouch Communications in a variety of roles including President AirTouch Paging, Vice President Human Resources-AirTouch Communications, Vice President Business Development-AirTouch Europe and Vice President & General Manager-AirTouch Cellular Southwest Market. Prior to that, he was an Associate with Booz Allen & Hamilton Inc, a management consulting firm. Terry is a trustee of The Vodafone Foundation.

**Morten Lundal**, Chief Executive Officer, Africa and Central Europe Region, was appointed to his current position and joined the Executive Committee in November 2008. He joined Nordic mobile operator, Telenor, in 1997 and held several Chief Executive Officer positions, including for the Internet Division and Telenor Business Solutions. He was Executive Vice President for Corporate Strategy, after which he became the Chief Executive Officer of Telenor's Malaysian subsidiary, DiGi Telecommunications.

**Nick Read**, Chief Executive Officer, Asia Pacific and Middle East Region, was appointed to this position and joined the Executive Committee in November 2008. Nick joined Vodafone in 2002 and has held a variety of senior roles including Chief Financial Officer and Chief Commercial Officer of Vodafone Limited, the UK operating company, and was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Vodafone Limited in early 2006. Prior to joining Vodafone, Nick held senior global finance positions with United Business Media plc and Federal Express Worldwide.

**Frank Rovekamp**, Group Chief Marketing Officer, was appointed to this position and joined the Executive Committee in May 2006. He joined Vodafone in 2002 as Marketing Director and a member of the Management Board of Vodafone Netherlands and later moved to Vodafone Germany as Chief Marketing Officer and a member of the Management Board. Before joining Vodafone, he held roles as President and Chief Executive Officer of Beyoo and Chief Marketing Officer with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. He is a trustee of The Vodafone Group Foundation.

**Ronald Schellekens**, Group Human Resources Director, joined Vodafone and the Executive Committee in January 2009. Prior to joining Vodafone, Ronald was Executive Vice President Human Resources for Royal Dutch Shell plc's global downstream business (refining, retail, commercial, lubricants,

chemicals and Canadian Oil Sands) responsible for approximately 81,000 employees in 120 countries. Prior to working for Shell, he spent nine years working for PepsiCo in various international senior Human Resources roles, including assignments in Switzerland, Spain, South Africa, the UK and Poland. In his last role, he was responsible for the Europe, Middle East and Africa region for PepsiCo Foods International. Prior to PepsiCo he worked for nine years for AT&T Network Systems in Human Resources roles in the Netherlands and Poland.

**Stephen Scott**, Group General Counsel and Company Secretary, was appointed to this position in 1991, prior to which he was employed in the Racal Group legal department, which he joined in 1980 from private law practice in London. He is a director of ShareGift (the Orr Mackintosh Foundation Limited) and is a director and trustee of LawWorks (the Solicitors Pro Bono Group).

### ***Strategy Board***

The Strategy Board meets three times each year to discuss strategy. This is attended by Executive Committee members and the Chief Executive Officers of the major operating companies and other selected individuals based on Strategy Board topics.

### **Other Board and Executive Committee members**

The following members also served on the Board or the Executive Committee during the 2009 financial year:

**Arun Sarin** was Chief Executive until the conclusion of the AGM on 29th July, 2008.

**Dr Michael Boskin** was a member of the Board and Chairman of the Audit Committee until the conclusion of the AGM on 29th July, 2008.

**Paul Donovan** was Chief Executive Officer, EMAPA and a member of the Executive Committee until 1st January, 2009.

**Simon Lewis** was Group Corporate Affairs Director and a member of the Executive Committee until 1st March, 2009.

**Professor Jürgen Schrempp** was a member of the Board, the Remuneration Committee and the Nominations and Governance Committee until the conclusion of the AGM on 29th July, 2008.

The business address of the directors is Vodafone House, The Connection, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 2FN.

There are no potential conflicts of interest between the duties to Vodafone of each of the members of the Board of Directors and each of the members of the Senior Management listed above and his/her private interests or other duties.

### **Corporate Governance**

Throughout the year ended 31st March, 2009 and at the date of this Prospectus, the Issuer was compliant with the provisions of, and applied the principles of, Section 1 of the 2006 FRC Combined Code on Corporate Governance (the Combined Code).

# Selected Financial Information of the Issuer

The following tables set out in summary form the consolidated income statements, balance sheet and cash flow statements of the Issuer for the years as at and ended 31st March, 2009 and 2008 respectively. Such information is derived from, and is qualified by reference to and should be read in conjunction with, the audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer as at and for the years ended 31st March 2009 and 2008, respectively, each of which is incorporated by reference in this Prospectus.

## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	For the years ended 31 March	
	2009 £m	2008 £m
<b>Revenue</b> . . . . .	<b>41,017</b>	35,478
Cost of sales . . . . .	<b>(25,842)</b>	(21,890)
<b>Gross profit</b> . . . . .	<b>15,175</b>	13,588
Selling and distribution expenses . . . . .	<b>(2,738)</b>	(2,511)
Administrative expenses . . . . .	<b>(4,771)</b>	(3,878)
Share of result in associated undertakings . . . . .	<b>4,091</b>	2,876
Impairment losses . . . . .	<b>(5,900)</b>	—
Other income and expense . . . . .	—	(28)
<b>Operating profit</b> . . . . .	<b>5,857</b>	10,047
Non-operating income and expense . . . . .	<b>(44)</b>	254
Investment income . . . . .	<b>795</b>	714
Financing costs . . . . .	<b>(2,419)</b>	(2,014)
<b>Profit before taxation</b> . . . . .	<b>4,189</b>	9,001
Income tax expense . . . . .	<b>(1,109)</b>	(2,245)
<b>Profit for the financial year</b> . . . . .	<b><u>3,080</u></b>	<u>6,756</u>
Attributable to:		
— Equity shareholders . . . . .	<b>3,078</b>	6,660
— Minority interests . . . . .	<b>2</b>	96
	<b><u>3,080</u></b>	<u>6,756</u>
<b>Earnings per share</b>		
— Basic . . . . .	<b>5.84p</b>	12.56p
— Diluted . . . . .	<b>5.81p</b>	12.50p

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED INCOME AND EXPENSE

	For the years ended 31st March	
	2009 £m	2008 £m
(Losses)/gains on revaluation of available-for-sale investments, net of tax . . . . .	(2,383)	1,949
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations, net of tax . . . . .	12,375	5,537
Net actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes, net of tax . . . . .	(163)	(37)
Revaluation gain . . . . .	68	—
Foreign exchange gains transferred to the income statement . . . . .	(3)	(7)
Fair value gains transferred to the income statement . . . . .	—	(570)
Other . . . . .	(40)	37
<b>Net gain recognised directly in equity . . . . .</b>	<b>9,854</b>	<b>6,909</b>
Profit for the financial year . . . . .	<u>3,080</u>	<u>6,756</u>
<b>Total recognised income and expense relating to the year . . . . .</b>	<b><u>12,934</u></b>	<b><u>13,665</u></b>
Attributable to:		
— Equity shareholders . . . . .	13,037	13,912
— Minority interests . . . . .	(103)	(247)
	<u>12,934</u>	<u>13,665</u>



## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	As at 31st March	
	2009 £m	2008 £m
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Goodwill . . . . .	53,958	51,336
Other intangible assets . . . . .	20,980	18,995
Property, plant and equipment. . . . .	19,250	16,735
Investments in associated undertakings . . . . .	34,715	22,545
Other investments . . . . .	7,060	7,367
Deferred tax assets . . . . .	630	436
Post employment benefits . . . . .	8	65
Trade and other receivables. . . . .	3,069	1,067
	<b>139,670</b>	<b>118,546</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventory . . . . .	412	417
Taxation recoverable . . . . .	77	57
Trade and other receivables. . . . .	7,662	6,551
Cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	4,878	1,699
	<b>13,029</b>	<b>8,724</b>
<b>Total assets</b> . . . . .	<b>152,699</b>	<b>127,270</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Called up share capital . . . . .	4,153	4,182
Share premium account . . . . .	43,008	42,934
Own shares held . . . . .	(8,036)	(7,856)
Additional paid-in capital. . . . .	100,239	100,151
Capital redemption reserve . . . . .	10,101	10,054
Accumulated other recognised income and expense . . . . .	20,517	10,558
Retained losses . . . . .	(83,820)	(81,980)
<b>Total equity shareholders' funds</b> . . . . .	<b>86,162</b>	<b>78,043</b>
Minority interests . . . . .	1,787	1,168
Written put options over minority interests . . . . .	(3,172)	(2,740)
<b>Total minority interests</b> . . . . .	<b>(1,385)</b>	<b>(1,572)</b>
<b>Total equity</b> . . . . .	<b>84,777</b>	<b>76,471</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Long term borrowings. . . . .	31,749	22,662
Deferred tax liabilities . . . . .	6,642	5,109
Post employment benefits . . . . .	240	104
Provisions . . . . .	533	306
Trade and other payables . . . . .	811	645
	<b>39,975</b>	<b>28,826</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Short term borrowings . . . . .	9,624	4,532
Current taxation liabilities . . . . .	4,552	5,123
Provisions . . . . .	373	356
Trade and other payables . . . . .	13,398	11,962
	<b>27,947</b>	<b>21,973</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b> . . . . .	<b>152,699</b>	<b>127,270</b>

## CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	For the years ended 31st March	
	2009 £m	2008 £m
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>12,213</b>	<b>10,474</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of interests in subsidiary undertakings and joint ventures, net of cash acquired	(1,389)	(5,957)
Purchase of intangible assets	(1,764)	(846)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(5,204)	(3,852)
Purchase of investments	(133)	(96)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries, net of cash disposed	4	—
Disposal of interests in associated undertakings	25	—
Disposal of property, plant and equipment	317	39
Disposal of investments	253	785
Dividends received from associated undertakings	647	873
Dividends received from investments	108	72
Interest received	302	438
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>(6,834)</b>	<b>(8,544)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Issue of ordinary share capital and reissue of treasury shares	22	310
Net movement in short term borrowings	(25)	(716)
Proceeds from issue of long term borrowings	6,181	1,711
Repayment of borrowings	(2,729)	(3,847)
Purchase of treasury shares	(963)	—
B share capital redemption	(15)	(7)
Equity dividends paid	(4,013)	(3,658)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders in subsidiary undertakings	(162)	(113)
Amounts received from minority shareholders	618	—
Interest paid	(1,470)	(1,545)
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>(2,556)</b>	<b>(7,865)</b>
<b>Net cash flow</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>(5,935)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial year</b>	<b>1,652</b>	<b>7,458</b>
Exchange gains/(losses) on cash and cash equivalents	371	129
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial year</b>	<b>4,846</b>	<b>1,652</b>

# Taxation

## 1. United Kingdom Taxation

The comments below are of a general nature and are based on the Issuer's understanding of current law and HM Revenue & Customs practice in the United Kingdom only in relation to the deduction of tax from interest payments. They do not deal with any other United Kingdom taxation implications of acquiring, holding or disposing of the Notes. The comments relate to the position of persons who are the absolute beneficial owners of the Notes and interest thereon but are not exhaustive and may not apply to certain classes of persons such as dealers or certain professional investors. Prospective Noteholders should seek their own professional advice on other tax issues relevant to the Notes.

- 1 A payment of principal in respect of any Notes will be payable without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom tax. No withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom tax will arise in respect of a premium or discount unless it is regarded as interest in which case paragraphs 2 to 5 below (as appropriate) will apply.
- 2 Interest payable on Notes which have a maturity of less than one year and are not part of a borrowing which is intended to have a total term of one year or more can be paid without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax irrespective of whether or not the Notes are listed.
- 3 So long as the Notes are and continue to be listed on a "recognised stock exchange" within the meaning of section 1005 of the Income Tax Act 2007 (the London Stock Exchange and the Australian Securities Exchange each being such a recognised stock exchange for these purposes), payments of interest may be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax. Notes will be treated as listed on the London Stock Exchange if they are included in the Official List (within the meaning of and in accordance with the provisions of Part 6 of the FSMA) and admitted to trading on the Market and the Notes will satisfy this requirement if they are officially listed in Australia in accordance with provisions corresponding to those generally applicable in EEA states and are admitted to trading on the Australian Securities Exchange.
- 4 Interest on the Notes may also be paid without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom tax where interest on the Notes is paid by a company and, at the time the payment is made, the Issuer reasonably believes (and any person by or through whom interest on the Notes is paid reasonably believes) that the beneficial owner is within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax as regards the payment of interest at the time the payment is made, provided that HM Revenue & Customs has not given a direction (in circumstances where it has reasonable grounds to believe that it is likely that the beneficial owner is not within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax in respect of such payment of interest at the time the payment is made) that the interest should be paid under deduction of tax.
- 5 In all other cases, interest will generally be paid under deduction of income tax at the basic rate (currently 20 per cent.) subject to the availability of other reliefs or to any notice to the contrary from HM Revenue & Customs in respect of such relief as may be available pursuant to the provisions of any applicable double taxation treaty.
- 6 Persons in the United Kingdom (i) paying interest to or receiving interest on behalf of another person who is an individual, or (ii) paying amounts due on the redemption of Notes which are deeply discounted securities for the purposes of Chapter 8 of Part 4 of the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005 to or receiving such amounts on behalf of another person who is an individual, may be required to provide certain information to the United Kingdom HM Revenue & Customs including the name and address of the payee or person entitled to the interest and the amounts payable on redemption and, in certain circumstances, such information may be exchanged with tax authorities in other countries. Although HM Revenue & Customs published practice indicates that HM Revenue & Customs will not exercise the power referred to above to require this information in respect of amounts payable on the redemption of deeply discounted securities where such amounts are paid on or before 5th April 2010.
- 7 Any interest on any Notes has a United Kingdom source and accordingly may be chargeable to United Kingdom tax by direct assessment. Where the interest is paid without withholding or deduction, the interest will not be assessed to United Kingdom tax in the hands of holders of the Notes who are not resident in the United Kingdom, except where such persons carry on a trade, profession or vocation through a United Kingdom branch or agency or, in the case of a corporate holder, a permanent establishment in the United Kingdom in connection with which the interest is received or to which the Notes are attributable, in which case (subject to exemptions for interest received by certain categories of agent) tax may be levied on the United Kingdom branch or agency or permanent establishment. The provisions of an applicable double taxation treaty may also be relevant for such holders of the Notes.
- 8 Notwithstanding the fact that interest is received subject to deduction of income tax at source, holders of Notes may, however, be liable to pay further United Kingdom tax on the interest received or be entitled to a refund of all or part of the tax deducted at source depending on their individual circumstances.

## 2. EU Directive on the Taxation of Savings Income

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC (the "Directive") on the taxation of savings income, Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise)

to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

On 15th September, 2008 the European Commission issued a report to the Council of the European Union on the operation of the Directive, which included the Commission's advice on the need for changes to the Directive. On 13th November, 2008 the European Commission published a more detailed proposal for amendments to the Directive, which included a number of suggested changes. The European Parliament approved an amended version of this proposal on 24th April, 2009. If any of the proposed changes are made in relation to the Directive, they may amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

### **3. United States Federal Income Taxation**

**TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CIRCULAR 230, PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT: (A) ANY DISCUSSION OF U.S. FEDERAL TAX ISSUES CONTAINED OR REFERRED TO IN THIS PROSPECTUS IS NOT INTENDED OR WRITTEN TO BE USED, AND CANNOT BE USED BY PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THEM UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; (B) SUCH DISCUSSION IS WRITTEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROMOTION OR MARKETING BY THE ISSUER OF THE TRANSACTIONS OR MATTERS ADDRESSED HEREIN; AND (C) PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD SEEK ADVICE BASED ON THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM AN INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISER.**

*The following is a summary of certain material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of Notes by a U.S. Holder (as defined below). This summary does not address the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of every type of Note which may be issued under the Programme, and the applicable Final Terms may contain additional or modified disclosure concerning the material U.S. federal income tax consequences relevant to such type of Notes as are issued thereunder. This summary deals only with purchasers of Notes that are U.S. Holders and that will hold the Notes as capital assets. The discussion does not cover all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to, or the actual tax effect that any of the matters described herein will have on, the acquisition, ownership or disposition of Notes by particular investors, and does not address state, local, foreign or other tax laws. In particular, this summary does not discuss all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to certain types of investors subject to special treatment under the U.S. federal income tax laws (such as banks, insurance companies, investors liable for the alternative minimum tax, individual retirement accounts and other tax-deferred accounts, tax-exempt organisations, dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting, investors that will hold the Notes as part of straddles, hedging transactions or conversion transactions for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar). This discussion also does not address any tax consequences applicable to holders of equity interests in a holder of the Notes. Further, this discussion assumes that there will be no substitution of another entity in place of the Issuer as principal debtor in respect of the Notes. This discussion applies only to holders of Registered Notes.*

*As used herein, the term "U.S. Holder" means a beneficial owner of Notes that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes (i) a citizen or an individual resident of the United States, (ii) a corporation, or other entity treated as a corporation, created or organised under the laws of the United States or any State thereof, (iii) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax without regard to its source or (iv) a trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust. The tax consequences to a partner in a partnership holding Notes will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. A partner in a partnership holding Notes should consult its tax adviser regarding the tax consequences of an investment in Notes.*

*The summary is based on the tax laws of the United States including the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, its legislative history, existing and proposed regulations thereunder (the "Treasury Regulations"), published rulings and court decisions all as currently in effect and all subject to change at any time, possibly with retroactive effect.*

**THE SUMMARY OF U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES SET OUT BELOW IS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISERS AS TO THE PARTICULAR TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF OWNING THE NOTES, INCLUDING THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE BENEFITS OF THE INCOME TAX TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM, THE APPLICABILITY AND EFFECT OF STATE, LOCAL, FOREIGN AND OTHER TAX LAWS AND POSSIBLE CHANGES IN TAX LAW.**

The Issuer generally intends to treat Notes issued under the Programme as debt, unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms. Certain Notes, however, such as certain Index Linked Notes or Notes with extremely long maturities, may be treated as equity for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The tax treatment of Notes to which a treatment other than as debt may apply may be discussed in the applicable Final Terms.

#### **Payment of Interest**

##### *General*

Interest on a Note, whether payable in U.S. dollars or a currency, composite currency or basket of currencies other than U.S. dollars ("foreign currency" interest on a "Foreign Currency Note"), other than interest on a "Discount Note" that is not "qualified stated interest" (each as defined below under "Original Issue Discount — General"), will be taxable to a U.S. Holder as ordinary income at the time it is received or accrued, depending on the U.S.

Holder's method of accounting for tax purposes. Interest paid by the Issuer on the Notes and OID, if any, accrued with respect to the Notes (as described below under "Original Issue Discount — General") generally will constitute income from sources outside the United States subject to the rules regarding the foreign tax credit allowable to a U.S. Holder (and the limitations imposed thereon). Prospective purchasers should consult their tax advisers concerning the foreign tax credit implications of the payment of any United Kingdom taxes with respect to the Notes (if applicable).

### **Original Issue Discount**

#### *General*

The following is a summary of the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences of the ownership of Notes issued with original issue discount ("OID"). The following summary does not discuss Notes that are characterized as contingent payment debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

A Note, other than a Note with a term of one year or less (a "**Short-Term Note**"), will be treated as issued with OID (a "**Discount Note**") if the excess of the Note's "stated redemption price at maturity" over its issue price is equal to or more than a *de minimis* amount (0.25 per cent. of the Note's stated redemption price at maturity multiplied by the number of complete years to its maturity). An obligation that provides for the payment of amounts other than qualified stated interest before maturity (an "**instalment obligation**") will be treated as a Discount Note if the excess of the Note's stated redemption price at maturity over its issue price is greater than 0.25 per cent. of the Note's stated redemption price at maturity multiplied by the weighted average maturity of the Note. A Note's weighted average maturity is the sum of the following amounts determined for each payment on a Note (other than a payment of qualified stated interest): (i) the number of complete years from the issue date until the payment is made multiplied by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of the payment and the denominator of which is the Note's stated redemption price at maturity. Generally, the issue price of a Note will be the first price at which a substantial amount of Notes included in the issue of which the Note is a part is sold to persons other than bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organisations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents, or wholesalers. The stated redemption price at maturity of a Note is the total of all payments provided by the Note that are not payments of "qualified stated interest." A qualified stated interest payment is generally any one of a series of stated interest payments on a Note that are unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate (with certain exceptions for lower rates paid during some periods), or a variable rate (in the circumstances described below under "Variable Interest Rate Notes"), applied to the outstanding principal amount of the Note. Solely for the purposes of determining whether a Note has OID, the Issuer will be deemed to exercise any call option that has the effect of decreasing the yield on the Note, and the U.S. Holder will be deemed to exercise any put option that has the effect of increasing the yield on the Note. If a Note has *de minimis* OID, a U.S. Holder must include the *de minimis* amount in income as stated principal payments are made on the Note, unless the U.S. holder makes the election described below under " — Election to Treat All Interest as Original Issue Discount". A U.S. Holder can determine the includible amount with respect to each such payment by multiplying the total amount of the Note's *de minimis* OID by a fraction equal to the amount of the principal payment made divided by the stated principal amount of the Note.

U.S. Holders of Discount Notes must include OID in income calculated on a constant yield method before the receipt of cash attributable to the income, and generally will have to include in income increasingly greater amounts of OID over the life of the Discount Notes. The amount of OID includible in income by a U.S. Holder of a Discount Note is the sum of the daily portions of OID with respect to the Discount Note for each day during the taxable year or portion of the taxable year on which the U.S. Holder holds the Discount Note ("**accrued OID**"). The daily portion is determined by allocating to each day in any "accrual period" a pro rata portion of the OID allocable to that accrual period. Accrual periods with respect to a Note may be of any length selected by the U.S. Holder and may vary in length over the term of the Notes as long as (i) no accrual period is longer than one year and (ii) each scheduled payment of interest or principal on the Note occurs on either the final or first day of an accrual period. The amount of OID allocable to an accrual period equals the excess of (a) the product of the Discount Note's adjusted issue price at the beginning of the accrual period and the Discount Note's yield to maturity (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period) over (b) the sum of the payments of qualified stated interest on the Note allocable to the accrual period. The "adjusted issue price" of a Discount Note at the beginning of any accrual period is the issue price of the Note increased by (x) the amount of accrued OID for each prior accrual period and decreased by (y) the amount of any payments previously made on the Note that were not qualified stated interest payments.

#### *Acquisition Premium*

A U.S. Holder that purchases a Discount Note for an amount less than or equal to the sum of all amounts payable on the Note after the purchase date, other than payments of qualified stated interest, but in excess of its adjusted issue price (any such excess being "**acquisition premium**") and that does not make the election described below under "Election to Treat All Interest as Original Issue Discount", is permitted to reduce the daily portions of OID by a fraction, the numerator of which is the excess of the U.S. Holder's adjusted basis in the Note immediately after its purchase over the Note's adjusted issue price, and the denominator of which is the excess of the sum of all amounts payable on the Note after the purchase date, other than payments of qualified stated interest, over the Note's adjusted issue price.

#### *Election to Treat All Interest as Original Issue Discount*

A U.S. Holder may elect to include in gross income all interest that accrues on a Note using the constant yield method described above under "Original Issue Discount — General," with certain modifications. For purposes of this election, interest includes stated interest, OID, *de minimis* OID, market discount, *de minimis* market discount and unstated interest, as adjusted by any amortisable bond premium (described below under "Notes Purchased at a Premium") or acquisition premium. If a U.S. Holder makes this election for the Note, then, when the constant yield method is applied the issue price of the

Note will equal its cost, the issue date of the Note will be the date of acquisition, and no payments on the Note will be treated as payments of qualified stated interest. This election will generally apply only to the Note with respect to which it is made and may not be revoked without the consent of the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"). However, if the Note has amortisable bond premium, the U.S. Holder will be deemed to have made an election to apply amortisable bond premium against interest for all debt instruments with amortisable bond premium, other than debt instruments the interest on which is excludible from gross income, held as of the beginning of the taxable year to which the election applies or any taxable year thereafter. If the election to apply the constant yield method to all interest on a Note is made with respect to a Market Discount Note, the electing U.S. Holder will be treated as having made the election discussed above under "Market Discount" to include market discount in income currently over the life of all debt instruments with market discount held or thereafter acquired by the U.S. Holder. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisers concerning the propriety and consequences of this election.

#### *Variable Interest Rate Notes*

Notes that provide for interest at variable rates ("**Variable Interest Rate Notes**") generally will bear interest at a "qualified floating rate" and thus will be treated as "variable rate debt instruments" under Treasury Regulations governing accrual of OID. A Variable Interest Rate Note will qualify as a "variable rate debt instrument" if (a) its issue price does not exceed the total noncontingent principal payments due under the Variable Interest Rate Note by more than a specified *de minimis* amount and (b) it provides for stated interest, paid or compounded at least annually, at (i) one or more qualified floating rates, (ii) a single fixed rate and one or more qualified floating rates, (iii) a single objective rate, or (iv) a single fixed rate and a single objective rate that is a qualified inverse floating rate.

A "qualified floating rate" is any variable rate where variations in the value of the rate can reasonably be expected to measure contemporaneous variations in the cost of newly borrowed funds in the currency in which the Variable Interest Rate Note is denominated. A fixed multiple of a qualified floating rate will constitute a qualified floating rate only if the multiple is greater than 0.65 but not more than 1.35. A variable rate equal to the product of a qualified floating rate and a fixed multiple that is greater than 0.65 but not more than 1.35, increased or decreased by a fixed rate, will also constitute a qualified floating rate. In addition, two or more qualified floating rates that can reasonably be expected to have approximately the same values throughout the term of the Variable Interest Rate Note (e.g., two or more qualified floating rates with values within 25 basis points of each other as determined on the Variable Interest Rate Note's issue date) will be treated as a single qualified floating rate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a variable rate that would otherwise constitute a qualified floating rate but which is subject to one or more restrictions such as a maximum numerical limitation (i.e., a cap) or a minimum numerical limitation (i.e., a floor) may, under certain circumstances, fail to be treated as a qualified floating rate unless the cap or floor is fixed throughout the term of the Note.

An "objective rate" is a rate that is not itself a qualified floating rate but which is determined using a single fixed formula and which is based on objective financial or economic information (e.g., one or more qualified floating rates or the yield of actively traded personal property). A rate will not qualify as an objective rate if it is based on information that is within the control of the Issuer (or a related party) or that is unique to the circumstances of the Issuer (or a related party), such as dividends, profits or the value of the Issuer's stock (although a rate does not fail to be an objective rate merely because it is based on the credit quality of the Issuer). Other variable interest rates may be treated as objective rates if so designated by the IRS in the future. Despite the foregoing, a variable rate of interest on a Variable Interest Rate Note will not constitute an objective rate if it is reasonably expected that the average value of the rate during the first half of the Variable Interest Rate Note's term will be either significantly less than or significantly greater than the average value of the rate during the final half of the Variable Interest Rate Note's term. A "qualified inverse floating rate" is any objective rate where the rate is equal to a fixed rate minus a qualified floating rate, as long as variations in the rate can reasonably be expected to inversely reflect contemporaneous variations in the qualified floating rate. If a Variable Interest Rate Note provides for stated interest at a fixed rate for an initial period of one year or less followed by a variable rate that is either a qualified floating rate or an objective rate for a subsequent period and if the variable rate on the Variable Interest Rate Note's issue date is intended to approximate the fixed rate (e.g., the value of the variable rate on the issue date does not differ from the value of the fixed rate by more than 25 basis points), then the fixed rate and the variable rate together will constitute either a single qualified floating rate or objective rate, as the case may be.

A qualified floating rate or objective rate in effect at any time during the term of the instrument must be set at a "current value" of that rate. A "current value" of a rate is the value of the rate on any day that is no earlier than 3 months prior to the first day on which that value is in effect and no later than 1 year following that first day.

If a Variable Interest Rate Note that provides for stated interest at either a single qualified floating rate or a single objective rate throughout the term thereof qualifies as a "variable rate debt instrument", then any stated interest on the Note which is unconditionally payable in cash or property (other than debt instruments of the Issuer) at least annually will constitute qualified stated interest and will be taxed accordingly. Thus, a Variable Interest Rate Note that provides for stated interest at either a single qualified floating rate or a single objective rate throughout the term thereof and that qualifies as a "variable rate debt instrument" will generally not be treated as having been issued with OID unless the Variable Interest Rate Note is issued at a "true" discount (i.e., at a price below the Note's stated principal amount) in excess of a specified *de minimis* amount. OID on a Variable Interest Rate Note arising from "true" discount is allocated to an accrual period using the constant yield method described above by assuming that the variable rate is a fixed rate equal to (i) in the case of a qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate, the value, as of the issue date, of the qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate, or (ii) in the case of an objective rate (other than a qualified inverse floating rate), a fixed rate that reflects the yield that is reasonably expected for the Variable Interest Rate Note.

In general, any other Variable Interest Rate Note that qualifies as a "variable rate debt instrument" will be converted into an "equivalent" fixed rate debt instrument for purposes of determining the amount and accrual of OID and qualified stated interest on the Variable Interest Rate Note. Such a Variable Interest Rate Note must be converted into an "equivalent" fixed rate debt instrument by substituting any qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate provided for under the terms of the Variable Interest Rate Note with a fixed rate equal to the value of the qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate, as the case may be, as of the Variable Interest Rate Note's issue date. Any objective rate (other than a qualified inverse floating rate) provided for under the terms of the Variable Interest Rate Note is converted into a fixed rate that reflects the yield that is reasonably expected for the Variable Interest Rate Note. In the case of a Variable Interest Rate Note that qualifies as a "variable rate debt instrument" and provides for stated interest at a fixed rate in addition to either one or more qualified floating rates or a qualified inverse floating rate, the fixed rate is initially converted into a qualified floating rate (or a qualified inverse floating rate, if the Variable Interest Rate Note provides for a qualified inverse floating rate). Under these circumstances, the qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate that replaces the fixed rate must be such that the fair market value of the Variable Interest Rate Note as of the Variable Interest Rate Note's issue date is approximately the same as the fair market value of an otherwise identical debt instrument that provides for either the qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate rather than the fixed rate. Subsequent to converting the fixed rate into either a qualified floating rate or a qualified inverse floating rate, the Variable Interest Rate Note is converted into an "equivalent" fixed rate debt instrument in the manner described above.

Once the Variable Interest Rate Note is converted into an "equivalent" fixed rate debt instrument pursuant to the foregoing rules, the amount of OID and qualified stated interest, if any, are determined for the "equivalent" fixed rate debt instrument by applying the general OID rules to the "equivalent" fixed rate debt instrument and a U.S. Holder of the Variable Interest Rate Note will account for the OID and qualified stated interest as if the U.S. Holder held the "equivalent" fixed rate debt instrument. In each accrual period, appropriate adjustments will be made to the amount of qualified stated interest or OID assumed to have been accrued or paid with respect to the "equivalent" fixed rate debt instrument in the event that these amounts differ from the actual amount of interest accrued or paid on the Variable Interest Rate Note during the accrual period.

If a Variable Interest Rate Note, such as a Note the payments on which are determined by reference to an index, does not qualify as a "variable rate debt instrument", then the Variable Interest Rate Note will be treated as a contingent payment debt instrument. Prospective purchasers should consult with their own tax advisers concerning the proper U.S. federal income tax treatment of Variable Interest Rate Notes that are treated as contingent payment debt.

#### *Short-Term Notes*

In general, an individual or other cash basis U.S. Holder of a Short-Term Note is not required to accrue OID (calculated as set forth below for the purposes of this paragraph) for U.S. federal income tax purposes unless it elects to do so (but may be required to include any stated interest in income as the interest is received). Accrual basis U.S. Holders and certain other U.S. Holders are required to accrue OID on Short-Term Notes on a straight line basis or, if the U.S. Holder so elects, under the constant yield method (based on daily compounding). In the case of a U.S. Holder not required and not electing to include OID in income currently, any gain realised on the sale or retirement of the Short-Term Note will be ordinary income to the extent of the OID accrued on a straight line basis (unless an election is made to accrue the OID under the constant yield method) through the date of sale or retirement. U.S. Holders who are not required and do not elect to accrue OID on Short-Term Notes will be required to defer deductions for interest on borrowings allocable to Short-Term Notes in an amount not exceeding the deferred income until the deferred income is realised.

For purposes of determining the amount of OID subject to these rules, all interest payments on a Short-Term Note are included in the Short-Term Note's stated redemption price at maturity. A U.S. Holder may elect to determine OID on a Short-Term Note as if the Short-Term Note had been originally issued to the U.S. Holder at the U.S. Holder's purchase price for the Short-Term Note. This election shall apply to all obligations with a maturity of one year or less acquired by the U.S. Holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies, and may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS.

#### *Market Discount*

A Note, other than a Short-Term Note, that is not acquired at its original issue generally will be treated as purchased at a market discount (a "**Market Discount Note**") if the Note's stated redemption price at maturity or, in the case of a Discount Note, the Note's "revised issue price", exceeds the amount for which the U.S. Holder purchased the Note by at least 0.25 per cent. of the Note's stated redemption price at maturity or revised issue price, respectively, multiplied by the number of complete years to the Note's maturity (or, in the case of a Note that is an instalment obligation, the Note's weighted average maturity). If this excess is not sufficient to cause the Note to be a Market Discount Note, then the excess constitutes "*de minimis* market discount". For this purpose, the "**revised issue price**" of a Note generally equals its issue price, increased by the amount of any OID that has accrued on the Note and decreased by the amount of any payments previously made on the Note that were not qualified stated interest payments.

Under current law, any gain recognised on the maturity or disposition of a Market Discount Note (including any payment on a Note that is not qualified stated interest) will be treated as ordinary income to the extent that the gain does not exceed the accrued market discount on the Note. Alternatively, a U.S. Holder of a Market Discount Note may elect to include market discount in income currently over the life of the Note. This election shall apply to all debt instruments with market discount acquired by the electing U.S. Holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies. This election may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS. A U.S. Holder of a Market Discount Note that does not elect to include market discount

in income currently will generally be required to defer deductions for interest on borrowings incurred to purchase or carry a Market Discount Note that is in excess of the interest and OID on the Note includible in the U.S. Holder's income, to the extent that this excess interest expense does not exceed the portion of the market discount allocable to the days on which the Market Discount Note was held by the U.S. Holder.

Under current law, market discount will accrue on a straight line basis unless the U.S. Holder elects to accrue the market discount on a constant yield method. This election applies only to the Market Discount Note with respect to which it is made and is irrevocable.

### **Notes Purchased at a Premium**

A U.S. Holder that purchases a Note for an amount in excess of its principal amount, or for a Discount Note, its stated redemption price at maturity, may elect to treat the excess as "amortisable bond premium", in which case the amount required to be included in the U.S. Holder's income each year with respect to interest on the Note will be reduced by the amount of amortisable bond premium allocable (based on the Note's yield to maturity) to that year. Any election to amortise bond premium shall apply to all bonds (other than bonds the interest on which is excludable from gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes) held by the U.S. Holder at the beginning of the first taxable year to which the election applies or thereafter acquired by the U.S. Holder, and is irrevocable without the consent of the IRS. See also "Original Issue Discount — Election to Treat All Interest as Original Issue Discount." A U.S. Holder that does not elect to take bond premium (other than acquisition premium) into account currently will recognise a capital loss when the Note matures.

### **Purchase, Sale and Retirement of Notes**

A U.S. Holder's tax basis in a Note will generally be its cost, increased by the amount of any OID or market discount included in the U.S. Holder's income with respect to the Note and the amount, if any, of income attributable to *de minimis* OID and *de minimis* market discount included in the U.S. Holder's income with respect to the Note, and reduced by (i) the amount of any payments that are not qualified stated interest payments, and (ii) the amount of any amortisable bond premium applied to reduce interest on the Note.

A U.S. Holder will generally recognise gain or loss on the sale or retirement of a Note equal to the difference between the amount realised on the sale or retirement and the tax basis of the Note. Except to the extent described above under "Original Issue Discount — Market Discount" or "Original Issue Discount — Short-Term Notes" or attributable to accrued but unpaid interest or changes in exchange rates (as discussed below), gain or loss recognised on the sale or retirement of a Note will be capital gain or loss and generally will be treated as from U.S. sources for purposes of the U.S. foreign tax credit limitation. In the case of a U.S. Holder that is an individual, estate or trust, the maximum marginal federal income tax rate applicable to capital gains is currently lower than the maximum marginal rate applicable to ordinary income if the Notes are held for more than one year. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to significant limitations.

### **Foreign Currency Notes**

#### *Interest*

If an interest payment is denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency, the amount of income recognised by a cash basis U.S. Holder will be the U.S. dollar value of the interest payment, based on the exchange rate in effect on the date of receipt, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars.

An accrual basis U.S. Holder may determine the amount of income recognised with respect to an interest payment denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency in accordance with either of two methods. Under the first method, the amount of income accrued will be based on the average exchange rate in effect during the interest accrual period (or, in the case of an accrual period that spans two taxable years of a U.S. Holder, the part of the period within the taxable year).

Under the second method, the U.S. Holder may elect to determine the amount of income accrued on the basis of the exchange rate in effect on the last day of the accrual period (or, in the case of an accrual period that spans two taxable years, the exchange rate in effect on the last day of the part of the period within the taxable year). Additionally, if a payment of interest is actually received within five business days of the last day of the accrual period, an electing accrual basis U.S. Holder may instead translate the accrued interest into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect on the day of actual receipt. Any such election will apply to all debt instruments held by the U.S. Holder at the beginning of the first taxable year to which the election applies or thereafter acquired by the U.S. Holder, and will be irrevocable without the consent of the IRS.

Upon receipt of an interest payment (including a payment attributable to accrued but unpaid interest upon the sale or retirement of a Note) denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency, the U.S. Holder may recognise U.S. source exchange gain or loss (taxable as ordinary income or loss) equal to the difference between the amount received (translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the date of receipt) and the amount previously accrued, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars.

#### *OID*

OID for each accrual period on a Discount Note that is denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency, will be determined in the foreign currency and then translated into U.S. dollars in the same manner as stated interest accrued by an accrual basis U.S. Holder, as described above under



"Foreign Currency Notes — Interest". Upon receipt of an amount attributable to OID (whether in connection with a payment on the Note or a sale of the Note), a U.S. Holder may recognise U.S. source exchange gain or loss (taxable as ordinary income or loss) equal to the difference between the amount received (translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the date of receipt) and the amount previously accrued, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars.

#### *Market Discount*

Market Discount on a Note that is denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency, will be accrued in the foreign currency. If the U.S. Holder elects to include market discount in income currently, the accrued market discount will be translated into U.S. dollars at the average exchange rate for the accrual period (or portion thereof within the U.S. Holder's taxable year). Upon the receipt of an amount attributable to accrued market discount, the U.S. Holder may recognise U.S. source exchange gain or loss (which will be taxable as ordinary income or loss) determined in the same manner as for accrued interest or OID. A U.S. Holder that does not elect to include market discount in income currently will recognise, upon the disposition or maturity of the Note, the U.S. dollar value of the amount accrued, calculated at the spot rate on that date, and no part of this accrued market discount will be treated as exchange gain or loss.

#### *Bond Premium*

Bond premium (including acquisition premium) on a Note that is denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency, will be computed in units of the foreign currency, and any such bond premium that is taken into account currently will reduce interest income in units of the foreign currency.

On the date bond premium offsets interest income, a U.S. Holder may recognise U.S. source exchange gain or loss (taxable as ordinary income or loss) measured by the difference between the spot rate in effect on that date, and on the date the Notes were acquired by the U.S. Holder.

#### *Purchase, Sale and Retirement of Notes*

A U.S. Holder will generally recognise gain or loss on the sale or retirement of a Note equal to the difference between the amount realised on the sale or retirement and its tax basis in the Note. A U.S. Holder's tax basis in a Foreign Currency Note will be determined by reference to the U.S. dollar cost of the Note. The U.S. dollar cost of a Note purchased with foreign currency will generally be the U.S. dollar value of the purchase price on the date of purchase or, in the case of Notes traded on an established securities market, as defined in the applicable Treasury Regulations, that are purchased by a cash basis U.S. Holder (or an accrual basis U.S. Holder that so elects), on the settlement date for the purchase.

The amount realised on a sale or retirement for an amount in foreign currency will be the U.S. dollar value of this amount on the date of sale or retirement or, in the case of Notes traded on an established securities market, as defined in the applicable Treasury Regulations, sold by a cash basis U.S. Holder (or an accrual basis U.S. Holder that so elects), on the settlement date for the sale. Such an election by an accrual basis U.S. Holder must be applied consistently from year to year and cannot be revoked without the consent of the IRS.

A U.S. Holder will recognise U.S. source exchange rate gain or loss (taxable as ordinary income or loss) on the sale or retirement of a Note equal to the difference, if any, between the U.S. dollar values of the U.S. Holder's purchase price for the Note (or, if less, the principal amount of the Note) (i) on the date of sale or retirement and (ii) the date on which the U.S. Holder acquired the Note. Any such exchange rate gain or loss will be realised only to the extent of total gain or loss realised on the sale or retirement.

#### *Disposition of Foreign Currency*

Foreign currency received as interest on a Note or on the sale or retirement of a Note will have a tax basis equal to its U.S. dollar value at the time the interest is received or at the time of the sale or retirement. Foreign currency that is purchased will generally have a tax basis equal to the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency on the date of purchase. Any gain or loss recognised on a sale or other disposition of a foreign currency (including its use to purchase Notes or upon exchange for U.S. dollars) will be U.S. source ordinary income or loss.

#### ***Backup Withholding and Information Reporting***

In general, payments of interest and accrued OID on, and the proceeds of a sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of, the Notes, payable to a U.S. Holder within the United States or by a U.S. paying agent or certain other U.S.-related intermediaries will be reported to the IRS and to the U.S. Holder as may be required under applicable Treasury Regulations. Backup withholding may apply to these payments and to accruals of OID if the U.S. Holder fails to provide an accurate taxpayer identification number or certification of exempt status or otherwise to comply with the applicable backup withholding requirements. Certain U.S. Holders (including, among others, corporations) are not subject to information reporting or backup withholding. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisers as to their qualification for exemption from information reporting and/or backup withholding and the procedure for obtaining an exemption.

#### ***Disclosure Requirements***

Treasury Regulations meant to require the reporting of certain tax shelter transactions ("**Reportable Transactions**") could be interpreted to cover transactions generally not regarded as tax shelters, including certain foreign currency transactions. Under the Treasury Regulations, certain transactions

may be characterised as Reportable Transactions including, in certain circumstances, a sale, exchange, retirement or other taxable disposition of a Foreign Currency Note and/or a Note issued with OID. Persons considering the purchase of such Notes should consult with their tax advisers to determine the tax return obligations, if any, with respect to an investment in such Notes, including any requirement to file IRS Form 8886 (Reportable Transaction Disclosure Statement).

#### **4. Australian Taxation**

**The following is a summary of the Australian income tax treatment at the date of this Prospectus of payments on Australian Domestic Notes and certain other matters for non-residents of Australia who will not hold Australian Domestic Notes in the course of carrying on a business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia (hereafter "offshore investors"). It does not deal with any other Australian taxation implications of acquiring, holding or disposing of Australian Domestic Notes. It is a general guide and should be treated with appropriate caution.**

**Prospective offshore investors who are in any doubt as to their tax position in relation to Australian Domestic Notes should consult their professional advisers on the tax implications of an investment in Australian Domestic Notes. Australian residents or non-residents carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia should obtain advice from their professional advisers on the tax implications of an investment in Australian Domestic Notes or other Notes.**

##### ***Interest withholding tax***

So long as the Issuer continues to be a non-resident of Australia and Australian Domestic Notes issued by it are not attributable to a permanent establishment of the Issuer in Australia, payments of interest or amounts otherwise treated as interest made under Australian Domestic Notes issued by it will not be subject to Australian interest withholding tax. In this regard the Issuer will not have a permanent establishment in Australia merely because certain independent agents will be acting on behalf of the Issuer in Australia in relation to Australian Domestic Notes.

##### ***Other Australian income tax matters***

Under Australian income tax laws as presently in effect:

- (a) **income taxes on payments in respect of Australian Domestic Notes:** so long as the Issuer continues to be a non-resident of Australia and does not carry on business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia, none of the payments (including redemption payments) under Australian Domestic Notes to offshore investors should be subject to Australian income tax whether by way of assessment, withholding or otherwise; and
- (b) **gains on sale of Australian Domestic Notes:** a gain on the sale of Australian Domestic Notes held by an offshore investor should not otherwise be subject to Australian income tax provided that the gain from the sale does not have a source in Australia. The gain made on the sale of Australian Domestic Notes should not have a source in Australia if the relevant sale documents are executed outside Australia. Even if a gain from the sale of Australian Domestic Notes is sourced in Australia, if the vendor is a resident of a country with which Australia has concluded a comprehensive double taxation treaty, then, depending on the circumstances of the case and the terms of the particular treaty, relief from Australian tax may nevertheless be available under the treaty; and
- (c) **stamp duty and other taxes:** no ad valorem stamp, issue, registration or similar taxes should be payable in Australia on the issue or transfer of any Australian Domestic Notes; and
- (d) **goods and services tax (GST):** neither the issue nor receipt of the Australian Domestic Notes should give rise to a liability for GST in Australia on the basis that the supply of Australian Domestic Notes will comprise either an input taxed financial supply or (in the case of an offshore investor) a GST-free supply. Furthermore, neither the payment of principal or interest by the Issuer, nor the disposal of the Australian Domestic Notes, should give rise to any GST liability in Australia.

# Subscription and Sale

The Dealers have in an amended and restated programme agreement dated 10th July, 2009 (the "**Programme Agreement**") agreed with the Issuer a basis upon which they or any of them may from time to time agree to purchase Notes. However, the Issuer has reserved the right to sell Notes outside the United States to non-U.S. persons directly on its own behalf to persons other than Dealers as principals. In the Programme Agreement, the Issuer has agreed to reimburse the Dealers for certain of their expenses in connection with the establishment of the Programme and the issue of Notes under the Programme and to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities incurred by them in connection therewith.

## United States

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Bearer Notes and Exchangeable Bearer Notes are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to United States persons, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

The Notes are being offered and sold outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S. The subscription agreement relating to any Tranche of Registered Notes may provide that the Managers may directly or through their respective U.S. broker-dealer affiliates arrange for the offer and resale of Registered Notes within the United States only to qualified institutional buyers in compliance with Rule 144A.

This Prospectus has been prepared by the Issuer for use in connection with the offer and sale of Notes outside the United States and for the offer and resale of Registered Notes in the United States. The Issuer and the Dealers reserve the right to reject any offer to purchase Notes, in whole or in part, for any reason. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer to any person in the United States or to any U.S. person, other than any qualified institutional buyer within the meaning of Rule 144A to whom an offer has been made directly by one of the Dealers or its U.S. broker-dealer affiliate. Distribution of this Prospectus to any U.S. person or to any person within the United States, other than any qualified institutional buyer and those persons, if any, retained to advise such non-U.S. person or qualified institutional buyer with respect thereto, is unauthorised and any disclosure without the prior written consent of the Issuer of any of its contents to any such U.S. person or other person within the United States, other than any qualified institutional buyer and those persons, if any, retained to advise such non-U.S. person or qualified institutional buyer, is prohibited.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it will not offer, sell or, in the case of Bearer Notes, deliver the Notes (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution, as determined and certified by the relevant Dealer or, in the case of an issue of Notes on a syndicated basis, the relevant lead manager, of all Notes of the Tranche of which such Notes are a part (such period, the "**Distribution Compliance Period**"), within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons other than, in the case of Registered Notes, in accordance with Rule 144A. Each Dealer has further agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will send to each dealer to which it sells any Notes during the Distribution Compliance Period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of any Series of Notes, an offer or sale of such Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

Each issuance of Index Linked Notes or Dual Currency Notes shall be subject to such additional U.S. selling restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree as a term of the issuance and purchase of such Notes, which additional selling restrictions shall be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

## European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "**Relevant Member State**"), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "**Relevant Implementation Date**") it has not made and will not make an offer to Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Prospectus as completed by the final terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) if the final terms in relation to the Notes specify that an offer of those Notes may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State (a "**Non-exempt Offer**"), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Notes which

has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the final terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable;

- (b) at any time to legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorised or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;
- (c) at any time to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than € 43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than € 50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;
- (d) at any time to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (e) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (b) to (e) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purpose of this provision, the expression an "offer of Notes to the public" in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

#### **United Kingdom**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) in relation to any Notes which have a maturity of less than one year, (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of section 19 of the FSMA by the Issuer;
- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which section 21 (1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer; and
- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

#### **France**

Each of the Dealers and the Issuer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

(a) **Offer to the public in France:**

it has only made and will only make an offer of Notes to the public (*appel public à l'épargne*) in France in the period beginning (i) when a prospectus in relation to those Notes has been approved by the *Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF)*, on the date of such publication or, (ii) when a prospectus has been approved by the competent authority of another Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive, on the date of notification of such approval to the AMF, and ending at the latest on the date which is 12 months after the date of approval of the base prospectus all in accordance with Articles L.412-1 and L.621-8 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* and the *Règlement général* of the AMF; or

(b) **Private placement in France:**

it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, Notes to the public in France, and it has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, this Prospectus, any Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the Notes and such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (a) providers of investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties, and/or (b) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) other than individuals, all as defined in, and in accordance with, articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 to D.411-3 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*.

## Japan

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended, the "FIEA") and each Dealer has agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will not offer or sell any Notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (as defined under Item 5, Paragraph 1, Article 6 of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Control Law (Law No. 228 of 1949, as amended)), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

## Australia

No prospectus or other disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia) in relation to the Programme or the Notes has been lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC"). Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that, unless the applicable Final Terms otherwise provide, it:

- (a) has not (directly or indirectly) offered or invited applications, and will not offer or invite applications, for the issue, sale or purchase of the Notes in Australia (including an offer or invitation which is received by a person in Australia); and
- (b) has not distributed or published, and will not distribute or publish, the Prospectus or any other offering material or advertisement relating to the Notes in Australia,

unless (i) the minimum aggregate consideration payable by each offeree is at least A\$500,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies) (disregarding moneys lent by the offeror or its associates) (or, if the Australian Domestic Notes are not listed on the Australian Securities Exchange, the transferee is otherwise not a "retail client" as defined in section 761G of the Corporations Act 2001 and the offer or invitation otherwise does not require disclosure to investors in accordance with Part 6D.2 or Part 7.9 of the Corporations Act 2001), and (ii) such action complies with all applicable laws, regulations and directives, and (iii) such action does not require any document to be lodged with ASIC.

## General

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will comply with all applicable securities laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses or distributes this Prospectus and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and neither the Issuer, the Trustee nor any of the other Dealers shall have any responsibility therefor.

None of the Issuer, the Trustee and any of the Dealers represents that Notes may at any time lawfully be sold in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to any exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating such sale.

With regard to each Tranche, the relevant Dealer will be required to comply with such other additional restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer shall agree and as shall be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

# Transfer Restrictions

## Rule 144A Notes

Each purchaser of Registered Notes or a beneficial interest therein within the United States, by its acceptance or purchase thereof, will be deemed to have represented, agreed and acknowledged that it has received a copy of this Prospectus and that:

- (1) It is (a) a qualified institutional buyer within the meaning of Rule 144A ("QIB"), (b) acquiring such Notes for its own account or for the account of a QIB and (c) aware, and each beneficial owner of such Notes has been advised, that the sale of such Notes to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A in a transaction not involving any public offering in the United States within the meaning of the Securities Act.
- (2) The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered, sold, pledged or otherwise transferred except (a) in accordance with Rule 144A to a person that it and any person acting on its behalf reasonably believe is a QIB purchasing for its own account or for the account of a QIB, (b) in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 of Regulation S or (c) pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act provided by Rule 144 thereunder (if available), in each case in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States and any other applicable jurisdiction.
- (3) It will, and will require each subsequent purchaser to, notify any purchaser of Notes from it of the resale restrictions referred to herein.
- (4) Such Notes, unless otherwise agreed between the Issuer and the Trustee in accordance with applicable law, will bear a legend to the following effect:  

THE SECURITIES EVIDENCED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR WITH ANY SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT (1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT TO A PERSON THAT THE HOLDER AND ANY PERSON ACTING ON ITS BEHALF REASONABLY BELIEVE IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER, (2) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (3) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE), IN EACH CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES. NO REPRESENTATION CAN BE MADE AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT FOR REALES OF THE SECURITIES EVIDENCED HEREBY.
- (5) It understands that the Issuer, the Registrar, the Dealers and their affiliates, and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgments, representations and agreements. If it is acquiring any Notes for the account of one or more QIBs, it represents that it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the foregoing acknowledgments, representations and agreements on behalf of each such account.
- (6) It understands that the Registered Notes offered in reliance on Rule 144A will be represented by a DTC Restricted Global Certificate. Before any interest in Registered Notes represented by a DTC Restricted Global Certificate may be offered, sold, pledged or otherwise transferred to a person who will take delivery in the form of an interest in such Registered Notes represented by a Regulation S Global Certificate, it will be required to provide a Transfer Agent with a written certification (in a form to be provided) as to compliance with applicable securities laws.

**Prospective purchasers are hereby notified that sellers of the Notes may be relying on the exemption from the provisions of Section 5 of the Securities Act provide by Rule 144A.**

## Regulation S Notes

Each purchaser of Notes or a beneficial interest therein outside the United States and each subsequent purchaser of such Notes in resales prior to the expiration of the Distribution Compliance Period, by its acceptance or purchase thereof, will be deemed to have represented, agreed and acknowledged that:

- (1) It is, or at the time Notes are purchased will be, the beneficial owner of such Notes and (a) it is not a U.S. person and it is located outside the United States (each within the meaning of Regulation S) and (b) it is not an affiliate of the Issuer or a person acting on behalf of such an affiliate.
- (2) It understands that such Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and that, prior to the expiration of 40 days following the completion of the distribution, it will not offer, sell, pledge or otherwise transfer such Notes except (a) in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act to a person that it and any person acting on its behalf reasonably believe is a QIB purchasing for its own account or the account of a QIB or (b) in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 of Regulation S, in each case in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States and any other applicable jurisdiction.

(3) It understands that such Notes, unless otherwise determined by the Issuer in accordance with applicable law, will bear a legend in the following form:

"THE SECURITIES EVIDENCED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR WITH ANY SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT."

(4) It understands that the Issuer, the Registrar, the Dealers and their affiliates, and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgments, representations and agreements.

(5) It understands that the Registered Notes offered in reliance on Regulation S will be represented by a Regulation S Global Certificate. Prior to the expiration of the Distribution Compliance Period, before any interest in Registered Notes represented by a Regulation S Global Certificate may be offered, sold, pledged or otherwise transferred to a person who will take delivery in the form of an interest in such Registered Notes represented by a DTC Restricted Global Certificate, it will be required to provide a Transfer Agent with a written certification (in a form to be provided) as to compliance with applicable securities laws.

#### **Australian Domestic Notes**

Australian Domestic Notes may only be transferred within, to or from Australia if (i) the aggregate consideration payable by the transferee at the time of transfer is at least A\$500,000 (or the equivalent in another currency, in either case disregarding moneys lent by the transferor or its associates) (or, if the Australian Domestic Notes are not listed on the Australian Securities Exchange, the transferee is otherwise not a "retail client" as defined in section 761G of the Corporations Act 2001 and the offer or invitation giving rise to the transfer otherwise does not constitute an offer or invitation for which disclosure is required to be made to investors in accordance with Part 6D.2 or Part 7.9 of the Corporations Act 2001), (ii) the transfer is in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations or directives (including, without limitation, in the case of a transfer to or from Australia, the laws of the jurisdiction in which the transfer takes place), and (iii) in the case of a transfer between persons outside Australia, if a transfer and acceptance form is signed outside Australia. A transfer to an unincorporated association is not permitted.

# General Information

## Authorisation

The establishment of the Programme has been duly authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Issuer dated 24th May, 1999 and by a duly authorised committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer on 15th July, 1999. The update of the Programme has been duly authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Issuer dated 31st March, 2009.

## Listing of Notes

Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the Market. The listing of the Programme in respect of Notes is expected to be granted on or before 14th July, 2009.

It is expected that each Tranche of Notes which is to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the Market will be admitted separately as and when issued, subject only to the issue of a Global Note or Global Certificate, as the case may be, initially representing the Notes of such Tranche. However, unlisted Notes may be issued pursuant to the Programme.

## Documents Available

For the period of 12 months following the date of this Prospectus, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available from the registered office of the Issuer and from the specified office of the Paying Agent for the time being in London (in relation to (i) and (ii) only) and (following the issue of Australian Domestic Notes) from the specified office of the Registrar for Australian Domestic Notes (in relation to (iii) only):

- (i) the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Issuer;
- (ii) the Programme Agreement, the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed which incorporates the forms of the Global Notes, the Notes in definitive form, the Certificates, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Talons;
- (iii) in relation to Australian Domestic Notes, the Deed Poll; and
- (iv) in the case of each issue of Notes admitted to trading on the Market, subscribed pursuant to a subscription agreement, the subscription agreement (or equivalent document).

In addition, copies of (a) the consolidated audited financial statements of the Issuer in respect of the financial years ended 31st March, 2008 and 31st March, 2009, in each case together with the audit reports prepared in connection therewith, (b) this Prospectus (and any documents incorporated by reference herein), (c) any future prospectuses, information memoranda and supplements (and any documents incorporated by reference therein) and (d) each Final Terms relating to Notes which are either admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area or offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive, will be available for viewing on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at [www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/prices-and-news/news/market-news/market-news-home.html](http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/prices-and-news/news/market-news/market-news-home.html).

## Clearing Systems

The Bearer Notes and Registered Notes represented by a Regulation S Global Certificate have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The appropriate Common Code, ISIN and, where applicable, CUSIP number for each Tranche of Notes allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. In addition, the Issuer will make an application with respect to any restricted Notes of a Series of Registered Notes to be accepted for trading in book entry form by DTC. Acceptance by DTC of restricted Notes of each Tranche of a Series of Registered Notes will be confirmed in the applicable Final Terms. Application will also be made for publication of quotations for Registered Notes other than Australian Domestic Notes in The Portal Market ("PORTAL") of the FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) and may be made for designation of Registered Notes other than Australian Domestic Notes as "PORTAL Securities", as specified in the applicable Final Terms. If the Notes are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system (including Sicovam) the appropriate information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Series of Australian Domestic Notes will be entered in the Austraclear System.

The entities in charge of keeping the records in relation to each Tranche of Notes shall be Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC, as applicable. The address of Euroclear is 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels, Belgium; the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg; the address of DTC is 55 Water Street, New York, NY 10041-0099, USA and the address of Austraclear is 30 Grosvenor Street, Sydney, NSW 2000, Australia.



### **Provision of Information under Rule 144A**

The Issuer has agreed in the Trust Deed that, for so long as any Notes are "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(3) under the Securities Act, the Issuer will, during any period in which it is neither subject to Section 13 of 15(d) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), nor exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) thereunder, provide to any holder or beneficial owner of such restricted securities or to any prospective purchaser of such restricted securities designated by such holder or beneficial owner or to the Trustee for delivery to such holder, beneficial owner or prospective purchaser, in each case upon the request of such holder, beneficial owner, prospective purchaser or Trustee, the information required to be provided by Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.

### **Issue Price**

The issue price and amount of the Notes of any Tranche will be determined at the time of the offering of such Tranche in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

### **Significant or Material Change**

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer and its subsidiaries since 31st March, 2009 and there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer and its subsidiaries since 31st March, 2009.

### **Legal Proceedings**

The Issuer and its subsidiaries are currently, and may be from time to time, involved in a number of legal proceedings, including inquiries from or discussions with governmental authorities, that are incidental to their operations. However, save as disclosed below, neither the Issuer nor any of its subsidiaries is involved or has been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including such proceedings which are pending threatened of which the Issuer is aware) in the twelve months preceding the date of this document which may have, or have had, in the recent past, a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer and its subsidiaries. With the exception of the Vodafone 2 enquiry, due to inherent uncertainties, no accurate quantification of any cost which may arise from any of the legal proceedings outlined below can be made.

The Issuer is one of a number of co-defendants in four actions filed in 2001 and 2002 in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in the United States alleging personal injury, including brain cancer, from mobile phone use. The Issuer is not aware that the health risks alleged in such personal injury claims have been substantiated and is vigorously defending such claims. In August 2007, the Court dismissed all four actions against the Issuer on the basis of the federal pre-emption doctrine. The plaintiffs have appealed this dismissal.

A subsidiary of the Issuer, Vodafone 2, is responding to an enquiry (the "**Vodafone 2 enquiry**") by HMRC with regard to the UK tax treatment of its Luxembourg holding company, Vodafone Investments Luxembourg SARL ("**VIL**"), under the Controlled Foreign Companies section of the UK's Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (the "**CFC Regime**") relating to the tax treatment of profits earned by the holding company for the accounting period ended 31st March, 2001. Vodafone 2's position is that it is not liable for corporation tax in the UK under the CFC Regime in respect of VIL. Vodafone 2 asserts, *inter alia*, that the CFC Regime is contrary to EU law and has made an application to the Special Commissioners of HMRC for closure of the Vodafone 2 enquiry. In May 2005, the Special Commissioners referred certain questions relating to the compatibility of the CFC Regime with EU law to the European Court of Justice (the "**ECJ**") for determination (the "**Vodafone 2 reference**"). HMRC subsequently appealed against the decision of the Special Commissioners to make the Vodafone 2 reference but its appeal was rejected by both the High Court and Court of Appeal. The Vodafone 2 reference has still to be heard by the ECJ. Vodafone 2's application for closure was stayed pending delivery of the ECJ's judgment.

In September 2006, the ECJ determined in the Cadbury Schweppes case (C-196/04) (the "**Cadbury Schweppes Judgment**") that the CFC Regime is incompatible with EU law unless it applies only to wholly artificial arrangements intended to escape national tax normally payable ("**wholly artificial arrangements**"). At a hearing in March 2007, the Special Commissioners heard submissions from Vodafone 2 and HMRC, in light of the Cadbury Schweppes Judgment, as to whether the CFC Regime can be interpreted as applying only to wholly artificial arrangements and whether the Vodafone 2 reference should be maintained or withdrawn by the Special Commissioners. On 26th July, 2007, the Special Commissioners handed down their judgment on these questions. The tribunal decided (on the basis of the casting vote of the Presiding Special Commissioner) that the CFC regime can be interpreted as applying only to wholly artificial arrangements and that the Vodafone 2 reference should be withdrawn. Vodafone 2 successfully appealed these decisions to the High Court and this appeal was heard in May 2008. The High Court granted Vodafone 2's appeal on 4th July, 2008, holding that the CFC regime could not be interpreted consistently with EU law and that, therefore, the Vodafone 2 enquiry should be closed. HMRC has appealed the High Court's findings to the Court of Appeal, and the High Court's order requiring HMRC to close the Vodafone 2 enquiry has been stayed pending the outcome of the appeal. In light of the High Court's decision, the Special Commissioners withdrew the Vodafone 2 reference on 17th July, 2008. HMRC has successfully appealed the High Court's findings to the Court of Appeal which has set aside the High Court's order requiring HMRC to close the Vodafone 2 enquiry and refused Vodafone 2's application for closure of that enquiry. Vodafone 2 has filed a petition for leave to appeal the decision of the Court of Appeal to the House of Lords (Supreme Court).

The Issuer has taken provisions, which at 31st March, 2009 amounted to approximately £2.3 billion, for the potential UK corporation tax liability and related interest expense that may arise in connection with the Vodafone 2 enquiry. The provisions relate to the accounting period which is the subject of

the proceedings described above as well as to accounting periods after 31st March, 2001 to date. The provisions at 31st March, 2009 reflect the developments during the year.

The Issuer has previously been served with a complaint filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York by Cem Uzan and others against the Company, Vodafone Telekomunikasyon A.S. (“**VTAS**”), Vodafone Holding A.S. and others. The plaintiffs made certain allegations in connection with the sale of the assets of the Turkish company Telsim Mobil Telekomunikasyon Hizmetleri A.S. (“**Telsim**”) to the Group’s Turkish subsidiary, which acquired the assets from the SDIF, a public agency of the Turkish state, in a public auction in Turkey pursuant to Turkish law in which a number of mobile telecommunications companies participated. The plaintiffs sought an order requiring the return to them of Telsim’s assets or else an award of damages. The plaintiffs discontinued the complaint with prejudice in August 2008. The court disposed of the case on 24th October, 2008.

On 12th November, 2007, the Issuer became aware of the filing of a purported class action Complaint in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York by The City of Edinburgh Council on behalf of the Lothian Pension Fund (“**Lothian**”) against the Issuer and certain of the Issuer’s current and former officers and directors for alleged violations of US federal securities laws. The Complaint alleged that the Issuer’s financial statements and certain disclosures between 10th June, 2004 and 27th February, 2006 were materially false and misleading, among other things, as a result of the Issuer’s alleged failure to report on a timely basis a write-down for the impaired value of Vodafone’s German, Italian and Japanese subsidiaries. The Complaint seeks compensatory damages of an unspecified amount and other relief on behalf of a putative class comprised of all persons who purchased publicly traded securities, including ordinary shares and American Depositary Receipts, of the Issuer between 10th June, 2004 and 27th February, 2006. The plaintiff subsequently served the Complaint and, on or about 27th March, 2008, the plaintiff filed an amended complaint, asserting substantially the same claims against the same defendants on behalf of the same putative investor class. Thereafter, an additional plaintiff, a US pension fund that purportedly purchased Vodafone American Depositary Receipts on the New York Stock Exchange, was added as an additional plaintiff by stipulated order. The Issuer believes that the allegations are without merit and filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint on 6th June, 2008. By judgment entered on 1st December, 2008, the court dismissed the amended complaint for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. The plaintiffs subsequently filed a motion for reconsideration of that dismissal, arguing that the court overlooked the claims of the US pension fund, as to which there had been no subject matter jurisdiction challenge. On 9th April, 2009, the court granted that motion to the extent that it sought reopening of the action for the purpose of adjudication of the claims asserted on behalf of the US pension fund, but denied the motion with respect to the dismissal of Lothian’s claims. The court ordered the case re-opened pending consideration and order with respect to other arguments of the Issuer in its motion to dismiss in connection with which the court also indicated it will address any arguments regarding supplemental jurisdiction over Lothian’s claims. On 20th May, 2009, the Court dismissed the claims of the US pension fund but granted the plaintiff leave to apply to amend its amended complaint. The US pension fund has filed a motion seeking leave to amend its amended complaint.

Vodafone Essar Limited (“**VEL**”) and Vodafone International Holdings B.V. (“**VIHBV**”) each received notices in August 2007 and September 2007, respectively, from the Indian tax authorities alleging potential liability in connection with alleged failure by VIHBV to deduct withholding tax from consideration paid to the Hutchison Telecommunications International Limited group (“**HTIL**”) in respect of HTIL’s gain on its disposal to VIHBV of its interests in a wholly-owned subsidiary that indirectly holds interests in VEL. Following the receipt of such notices, VEL and VIHBV each filed writs seeking Orders that their respective notices be quashed and that the tax authorities take no further steps under the notices. Initial hearings have been held before the Bombay High Court and in the case of VIHBV, the High Court admitted the writ for final hearing in June 2008. In December 2008, the High Court dismissed VIHBV’s writ. VIHBV subsequently filed a special leave petition to the Supreme Court to appeal the High Court’s dismissal of the writ. On 23rd January, 2009, the Supreme Court referred the question of the tax authority’s jurisdiction to seek to pursue tax back to the tax authority for adjudication on the facts with permission granted to VIHBV to appeal that decision back to the High Court should VIHBV disagree with the tax authority’s findings. VEL’s case continues to be stayed pending the outcome of this hearing. Vodafone believes that neither it nor any other member of the Group is liable for such withholding tax and intends to defend this position vigorously.

On 20th April 2009, the Group acquired an additional 15% stake in Vodacom (see “*Description of the Issuer — Major Developments and Principal Investments*”). The Congress of South African Trade Unions (“**COSATU**”) has instituted a court action against the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (“**ICASA**”) challenging the decision of ICASA not to require Vodacom’s subsidiary, Vodacom (Pty) Limited, to seek ICASA’s approval in respect of the sale of shares in Vodacom by Telkom SA Limited to Vodafone Holdings (SA) (Pty) Limited, the Vodacom listing and other related inter-conditional transactions (the “**Transactions**”) and hence the validity of the Transactions. Vodacom and Vodacom (Pty) Limited are named as respondents in that action. Vodacom has stated that it intends to oppose this court action.

Vodacom received a letter from ICASA on 15th May, 2009 purporting to rescind its previous decision that the Transactions only required notification rather than prior approval from ICASA and stating that a public consultation process will take place. Vodacom has stated that it continues to believe that only a notification of the Transactions to ICASA was required.

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The auditors of the Issuer are Deloitte LLP, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors (authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority for designated investment business), of 2 New Street Square, London EC4A 3BZ, who have audited the Issuer’s financial statements, without qualification,

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#### **Certificates and Reports**

Any certificate or report of the auditors or any other expert or other person called for by or provided to the Trustee in accordance with or for the purposes of the Notes may be relied upon by the Trustee as sufficient evidence of the facts stated therein whether or not such certificate or report is addressed to the Trustee and whether or not such certificate or report and/or any engagement letter or other document entered in to by the Trustee in connection therewith contains a monetary or other limit on the liability of the Auditors (or such other expert or other person) in respect thereof.

#### **Post-issuance information**

Save as set out in the Final Terms, the Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issues of Notes.

#### **Additional Australian Regulations**

Regulations in Australia restrict or prohibit payments, transactions and dealings with assets having a prescribed connection with certain countries or named individuals or entities subject to international sanctions or identified as associated with terrorism.

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