Vodafone Group Plc Sustainable Business Report 2015-16

Vodafone Group Plc has published its first report under its new sustainable business strategy, which sets out to ensure an even closer alignment between the organisation's core commercial goals and the maximum possible social and economic benefit achievable as a consequence of those goals.

The report, for the financial year ended 31 March 2016, contains an overview of what Vodafone aims to achieve, together with its progress to date. The report also contains Vodafone's Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement, which sets out how Vodafone addresses the risk of slavery across its businesses and supply chain.

At the centre of the new strategy is the organisation's intention to work towards three global transformation goals between 2015 and 2025. Each of these goals has the potential to deliver meaningful socio-economic benefits for its customers and wider society, in the areas of:

- women's empowerment
- energy innovation
- youth skills and jobs

The strategy also sets out Vodafone's intention to enhance its corporate transparency programme to continue to address four specific areas that are often the focus of intense public debate:

- tax and total economic contribution
- supply chain integrity and safety
- mobiles, masts and health
- digital rights and freedoms

Vodafone's new strategy is founded on its commitment to responsible behaviour in everything it does. In this year's report, Vodafone provides greater insights into the ethical challenges that inform its principles and practices, along with the controls that are in place to ensure it operates responsibly.

The report is available at www.vodafone.com/sustainability/report2016

About Vodafone Group

Vodafone is one of the world's largest telecommunications companies and provides a range of services including voice, messaging, data and fixed communications. Vodafone has mobile operations in 26 countries, partners with mobile networks in 57 more, and fixed broadband operations in 17 markets. As of 31 March 2016, Vodafone had 462 million mobile customers and 13.4 million fixed broadband customers. For more information, please visit: www.vodafone.com.

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