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Verizon announces tender offers for 8 series of notes

NEW YORK, Sept. 05, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Verizon Communications Inc. ("Verizon") (NYSE, NASDAQ: VZ) today announced the commencement of 8 separate offers to purchase for cash up to \$2.5 billion aggregate purchase price of the outstanding series of notes listed in the table below (collectively, the "Notes"). We refer to each offer to purchase a series of Notes for cash as an "Offer" and collectively as the "Offers." The Offers are made on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated September 5, 2018 (the "Offer to Purchase").

The Offers will each expire at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern time) on October 2, 2018, unless extended or earlier terminated by Verizon (such date and time with respect to an Offer, as the same may be extended with respect to such Offer, the "Expiration Date"). To be eligible to receive the Total Consideration (as defined below), which includes the Early Participation Payment (as defined below), holders of Notes (each, a "Holder" and collectively, "Holders") must validly tender their Notes at or prior to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on September 18, 2018, unless extended or earlier terminated (such date and time with respect to an Offer, as the same may be extended with respect to such Offer, the "Early Participation Date"). Holders who validly tender their Notes after the applicable Early Participation Date, but at or prior to the applicable Expiration Date, will be eligible to receive the tender consideration for any such series accepted for purchase, which is equal to the Total Consideration *minus* the Early Participation Payment (with respect to such series, the "Tender Consideration"). All Holders whose Notes are accepted in an Offer will receive a cash payment equal to accrued and unpaid interest on such Notes to, but not including, the relevant Settlement Date (as defined below) (the "Accrued Coupon Payment") in addition to their Total Consideration or Tender Consideration, as applicable.

Notes may be validly withdrawn at any time at or prior to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on September 18, 2018 (such date and time with respect to an Offer, as the same may be extended with respect to such Offer, the "Withdrawal Date"), but not thereafter, unless extended by Verizon.

Verizon is offering to accept for purchase validly tendered Notes using a "waterfall" methodology under which the Notes will be accepted in the order of their respective Acceptance Priority Levels listed below, subject to a cap.

The Offers are subject to the terms and conditions described in the Offer to Purchase, including (i) the Acceptance Priority Procedures (as described below) and (ii) a \$2.5 billion cap on the total cash Verizon pays to purchase the Notes validly tendered in the Offers, excluding the applicable Accrued Coupon Payments (the "Waterfall Cap").

On the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, Verizon is offering to purchase the following outstanding securities issued by it for the consideration described below:

Acceptance Priority Level	CUSIP Number(s)	Title of Security	Principal Amount Outstanding	Early Participation Payment ⁽¹⁾	Reference U.S. Treasury Security ⁽²⁾	Bloomberg Reference Page	Fixed Spread (Basis Points) ⁽²⁾
1	92343VCZ5	4.672% notes due 2055	\$5,058,023,000	\$50	3.125% due May 15, 2048	FIT1	+195
2	92343VDS0	5.012% notes due 2049	\$3,916,232,000	\$50	3.125% due May 15, 2048	FIT1	+180
3	92343VCM4	5.012% notes due 2054	\$5,195,586,000	\$50	3.125% due May 15, 2048	FIT1	+200
4	92343VCK8	4.862% notes due 2046	\$4,481,503,000	\$50	3.125% due May 15, 2048	FIT1	+180
5	92343VDN1/ 92343VDR2	4.812% notes due 2039	\$1,652,920,000	\$50	3.125% due May 15, 2048	FIT1	+170
6	92343VCX0	4.522% notes due 2048	\$4,692,468,000	\$50	3.125% due May 15, 2048	FIT1	+180
7	92343VDC5	4.125% notes due 2046	\$1,479,579,000	\$50	3.125% due May 15, 2048	FIT1	+180
8	92343VBG8	3.850% notes due 2042	\$1,250,000,000	\$50	3.125% due May 15, 2048	FIT1	+175

1. Payable, as part of the applicable Total Consideration, per each \$1,000 principal amount of the specified series of Notes validly tendered at or prior to the applicable Early Participation Date and accepted for purchase (the "Early Participation Payment"). The total consideration for each \$1,000 principal amount of each series of Notes validly tendered at or prior to the applicable Early Participation Date is referred to as the "Total Consideration" for such series. Holders who validly tender Notes of a series after the applicable Early Participation Date, but at or prior to the applicable Expiration Date, will receive the Tender Consideration.
2. The Total Consideration for each series of Notes will be based on the fixed spread for the applicable series of Notes *plus* the yield of the specified Reference U.S. Treasury Security for that series as of 11:00 a.m. (Eastern time) on the Price Determination Date (as defined below). The Total Consideration does not include the applicable Accrued Coupon Payment, which will be payable in cash in addition to the applicable Total Consideration.

Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions of the Offers, the "Acceptance Priority Procedures" will operate as follows:

- *first*, if the aggregate cash purchase price (excluding the applicable Accrued Coupon Payments) of all Notes validly tendered at or prior to the applicable Early Participation Date by Holders does not exceed the Waterfall Cap, then Verizon will accept all such Notes. However, if the aggregate cash purchase price (excluding the applicable Accrued Coupon Payments) of all Notes validly tendered at or prior to the applicable Early Participation Date by Holders exceeds the Waterfall Cap, then Verizon will (i) accept such Notes for purchase for cash, starting at the highest Acceptance Priority Level (level 1) and moving sequentially to each lower Acceptance Priority Level (the lowest of which is level 8), until the aggregate cash purchase price (excluding the applicable Accrued Coupon Payments) of such Notes equals the Waterfall Cap, (ii) prorate the series of such Notes with the lowest Acceptance Priority Level accepted for purchase for cash and (iii) not accept for purchase for cash (x) any such Notes of a series with an Acceptance Priority Level below the prorated series or (y) any Notes validly tendered after the applicable Early Participation Date; and
- *second*, if the Waterfall Cap is not exceeded at the applicable Early Participation Date, Verizon will repeat the steps described in the prior bullet with respect to Notes validly tendered after the applicable Early Participation Date, but at or prior to the applicable Expiration Date, in order to determine the aggregate principal amount of such Notes that Verizon will accept for purchase. All Notes, regardless of Acceptance Priority Level, that are validly tendered at or prior to the applicable Early Participation Date will have priority over Notes validly tendered after the applicable Early Participation Date and at or prior to the applicable Expiration Date.

Provided that all conditions to the Offers have been satisfied by Verizon by the applicable Early Participation Date or timely waived by Verizon, Verizon will settle all Notes validly tendered at or prior to the applicable Early Participation Date and accepted for purchase in such Offers on the third business day after the applicable Early Participation Date (the "Early Settlement Date"). The "Final Settlement Date," if any, is the date on which Verizon will settle all Notes validly tendered and accepted for purchase that were not previously settled on the Early Settlement Date. The Final Settlement Date is expected to be the second business day after the applicable Expiration Date, or October 4, 2018, unless extended with respect to any Offer. Each of the Early Settlement Date and the Final Settlement Date is referred to as a "Settlement Date."

The Total Consideration or Tender Consideration, as applicable, payable by Verizon for each \$1,000 principal amount of each series of Notes validly tendered and accepted by Verizon will be paid in cash on the relevant Settlement Date.

Promptly after 11:00 a.m. (Eastern time) on September 19, 2018, unless extended with respect to any Offer (such date and time with respect to an Offer, as the same may be extended with respect to such Offer, the "Price Determination Date"), Verizon will issue a press release specifying, among other things, the Total Consideration for each series of Notes and the aggregate principal amount of Notes validly tendered at or prior to the applicable Early Participation Date and accepted in each Offer.

Verizon has retained Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, RBC Capital Markets, LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC to act as lead dealer managers for the Offers, and ICBC Standard Bank Plc, Loop Capital Markets LLC, Blaylock Van, LLC and C.L. King & Associates, Inc. to act as co-dealer managers for the Offers. Questions regarding terms and conditions of the Offers should be directed to Citigroup at (800) 558-3745 (toll-free) or (212) 723-6106 (collect), J.P. Morgan at (866) 834-4666 (toll-free) or (212) 834-4811 (collect), RBC Capital Markets at (877) 381-2099 (toll-free) or (212) 618-7822 (collect) or Wells Fargo Securities at (866) 309-6316 (toll-free) or (704) 410-4756 (collect).

Global Bondholder Services Corporation will act as the Tender Agent and the Information Agent for the Offers. Questions or requests for assistance related to the Offers or for additional copies of the Offer to Purchase may be directed to Global Bondholder Services Corporation at (866) 470-4300 (toll free) or (212) 430-3774 (collect). You may also contact your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee for assistance concerning the Offers.

If Verizon terminates any Offer with respect to one or more series of Notes, it will give prompt notice to the Tender Agent or Information Agent, as applicable, and all Notes tendered pursuant to such terminated Offer will be returned promptly to the tendering Holders thereof. With effect from such termination, any Notes blocked in DTC will be released.

Holders are advised to check with any bank, securities broker or other intermediary through which they hold Notes as to when such intermediary would need to receive instructions from a beneficial owner in order for that holder to be able to participate in, or withdraw their instruction to participate in the Offers before the deadlines specified herein and in the Offer to Purchase. The deadlines set by any such intermediary and DTC for the submission and withdrawal of tender instructions will also be earlier than the relevant deadlines specified herein and in the Offer to Purchase.

This announcement is for informational purposes only. This announcement is not an offer to purchase or a solicitation of an offer to purchase any Notes. The Offers are being made solely pursuant to the Offer to Purchase. The Offers are not being made to Holders of Notes in any jurisdiction in which the making or acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the securities, blue sky or other laws of such jurisdiction. In any jurisdiction in which the securities laws or blue sky laws require the Offers to be made by a licensed broker or dealer, the Offers will be deemed to be made on behalf of Verizon by the dealer managers or one or more registered brokers or dealers that are licensed under the laws of such jurisdiction.

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