

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC  
Form 6-K  
October 07, 2011

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

October 7, 2011

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

Gogarburn  
PO Box 1000  
Edinburgh EH12 1HQ  
Scotland  
United Kingdom

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes  No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-

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This report on Form 6-K shall be deemed incorporated by reference into the company's Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File Nos. 333-162219 and 333-162219-01) and to be a part thereof from the date which it was filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.



EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Report on Form 6-K contains recent development disclosure relating to The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (“RBSG”, or, together with its subsidiaries consolidated in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, the “Group”) and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (“RBS”), and is being incorporated by reference into the Registration Statements with File Nos. 333-162219 and 333-162219-01.

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Recent Development

On October 7, 2011, together with a number of other UK financial institutions, the short- and long-term ratings of RBSG and RBS were downgraded by one of the rating agencies. The downgrade was in connection with that rating agency's review of systemic support assumptions incorporated into bank ratings and the reduction of implied UK Government support from the banking sector.

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP  
plc  
(Registrant)

Date: October 7, 2011

By: /s/ Angela McEntee  
Name: Angela McEntee  
Title: Assistant Secretary