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	Aggregate	;							1st	
CUSIP / ISIN	Principal	Price to	Selling	Net	CouponCoupo	on Coupon	Maturity	1st Coupon	Coupon	Surv
Number	Amount	Public	Commission	Proceeds	Type Rate	Frequency	Date	Date	Amount	Op
					5.359	6				
78012DAD5 /					per					
US78012DAD5	7 \$	100.00%	1.50%	\$	FIXED annui	n MONTHLY	702/15/2017	703/15/2012	\$6.39	N

Redemption Information: Non-Callable/Non-Puttable

Lead Manager and Lead Agent: RBS Securities Inc.

Group plc

Offering Dates: 01/23/2012 through 01/30/2012 The Royal Bank of Scotland Trade Date: 01/30/2012 @ 12:00 P.M. ET Settlement Date: 02/02/2012 Minimum Denomination/Increments: \$1,000.00/\$1,000.00 Initial trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC

Book-Entry only

DTC Number 2230 via RBS Securities Inc.

If the maturity date or an interest payment date for any note is not a business day (as that term is defined in the prospectus supplement), principal, premium, if any, and interest for that note is paid on the next business day, and no interest will accrue from, and after, the maturity date or interest payment date.

The notes will be treated as fixed rate debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Royal Bank of Scotland Group

Retail Corporate Notes Prospectus dated September 30, 2009 and Prospectus Supplement dated November 21, 2011