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| | | Aggregate | | | | | | | | | 1st | |
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Redemption Information: Non-Callable/Non-Puttable

Lead Manager and Lead Agent: RBS Securities

Inc.

Offering Dates: 01/14/2013 through 01/22/2013 Trade Date: 01/22/2013 Settlement Date:

01/25/2013 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.

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

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

in the prospectus supplement), principal,

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc Retail Corporate Notes

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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.

Intended to be listed on the Channel Islands Stock Exchange.