

## SUPPLEMENTARY PROSPECTUS DATED 10 MARCH 2010



### **The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc**

*(Incorporated in Scotland with limited liability under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1980, registered number SC045551)*

### **The Royal Bank of Scotland plc**

*(Incorporated in Scotland with limited liability under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1980, registered number SC090312)*

**£90,000,000,000**

### **Euro Medium Term Note Programme**

This Supplement (the “**Supplement**”) to the Prospectus (the “**Prospectus**”) dated 16 June 2009, which comprises, except as set out therein in relation to Guaranteed Notes (as defined in the Prospectus), a base prospectus, constitutes a supplementary prospectus for the purposes of Section 87G of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “**FSMA**”) and is prepared in connection with the £90,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the “**Programme**”) established by The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (“**RBSG**”) and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (“**RBS**”) (each, an “**Issuer**” and together, the “**Issuers**”). Terms defined in the Prospectus have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.

This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, the Prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference therein.

Each Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of each Issuer (each having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

#### *Disincorporation of Information by Reference into the Prospectus*

All information incorporated by reference in the Prospectus pursuant to the supplements to the Prospectus dated 14 August 2009, 28 August 2009, 8 September 2009, 15 September 2009, 19 November 2009, 30 November 2009 and 16 December 2009 shall, by virtue of this Supplement, no longer be incorporated.

The documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus pursuant to paragraphs (c), (d) and (g) to (k) in the section headed “Documents Incorporated by Reference” on pages 7 and 8 of the Prospectus shall, by virtue of this Supplement, no longer be incorporated.

#### *Incorporation of Information by Reference into the Prospectus*

The documents set out in Schedule 1 to this Supplement, which have been (1) previously published and (2) approved by the Financial Services Authority or filed with it shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and form part of, the Prospectus (other than for the purposes of the Guaranteed Notes).

*Definition of “Disclosure relating to the Issuers” on page 8 of the Prospectus*

Page 8 of the Prospectus contains a definition of “Disclosure relating to the Issuers”. As set out therein, the Disclosure relating to the Issuers is not incorporated by reference into the Prospectus for the purposes of issues of Guaranteed Notes. By virtue of this Supplement, all the information incorporated by reference into the Prospectus by virtue of this Supplement shall be deemed to be included within the definition of “Disclosure relating to the Issuers”.

*Summary of the Programme*

The second paragraph of “Summary of the Programme” on page 16 of the Prospectus shall be deleted and replaced with the following: “*Words and expressions defined in the Registration Documents (as republished from time to time and incorporated by reference into this Prospectus) or under the headings “Form of the Notes”, “Terms and Conditions of the Ordinary, Tier 2 and Tier 3 Notes” or “Terms and Conditions of the Tier 1 Notes” below shall have the same meanings in this summary, and references to numbered “Conditions” shall be to the relevant Condition under the relevant Terms and Conditions set out below*”.

*Summary of the Programme: Issuers*

The last two paragraphs of “Summary of the Programme — Issuers” on page 16 of the Prospectus shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

“The United Kingdom Government currently holds 70.3 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of RBSG. On 22 December 2009, RBSG issued £25.5 billion of B Shares to HM Treasury. The B Shares are convertible, at the option of the holder at any time, into Ordinary Shares. HM Treasury has agreed that it shall not exercise rights of conversion in respect of the B Shares if and to the extent that following any such conversion it would hold more than 75 per cent. of the total issued shares in RBSG. Furthermore, HM Treasury has agreed that it shall not be entitled to vote in respect of the B Shares or the Dividend Access Share held by it to the extent that votes cast on such shares, together with any other votes which HM Treasury is entitled to cast in respect of any other shares held by or on behalf of HM Treasury, would exceed 75 per cent. of the total votes eligible to be cast on a resolution proposed at a general meeting of RBSG.

The issue of the £25.5 billion of B Shares to HM Treasury on 22 December 2009 increased HM Treasury’s economic interest in RBSG to 84.4 per cent. If the £8 billion Contingent B Shares were issued to HM Treasury (which is subject to certain conditions being met), assuming no other dilutive issuances, HM Treasury’s economic interest in RBSG would increase further to 86.4 per cent. In addition, HM Treasury’s economic interest in RBSG would also increase if RBSG elects to issue B Shares to HM Treasury as a means of paying the annual fee due under the APS or the Contingent Subscription (both of which would require the consent of HM Treasury) or to fund dividend payments under the terms of the Dividend Access Share or the B Shares.

The Group had total assets of £1,696.5 billion and owners’ equity of £77.7 billion as at 31 December 2009. The Group’s capital ratios at that date, which included the equity minority interest of the State of the Netherlands and Banco Santander S.A. in ABN AMRO, were a total capital ratio of 16.1 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 11.0 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 14.1 per cent.”

*Summary of the Programme: Risk Factors*

Each of the bulleted paragraphs under “Summary of the Programme — Risk Factors — (i) risk factors relating to the Issuers including:” shall be deleted and replaced with the paragraphs set out in Schedule 2 to this Supplement.

*Summary of the Programme: Denomination of the Notes*

The first paragraph of “Summary of the Programme - Denomination of Notes” on page 20 of the Prospectus shall be amended by deleting the words “save that the minimum denomination of each Note admitted to trading on an EEA exchange and/or offered to the public in an EEA State in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive will be €1,000 (or its equivalent)”.

A copy of any or all of the information which is incorporated by reference in the Prospectus can be obtained from the website of RBSG at [www.rbs.com](http://www.rbs.com) and from the London Stock Exchange plc’s website at [www.londonstockexchange.com/en-gb/pricesnews/marketnews/](http://www.londonstockexchange.com/en-gb/pricesnews/marketnews/).

If the documents which are incorporated by reference in the Prospectus by virtue of this Supplement themselves incorporate any information or other documents therein, either expressly or implicitly, such information or other documents will not form part of the Prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive except where such information or other documents are specifically incorporated by reference in, or attached to, the Prospectus by virtue of this Supplement.

To the extent that there is any inconsistency between any statement in or incorporated by reference in the Prospectus by virtue of this Supplement and any other statement in or incorporated by reference in the Prospectus, the statements in or incorporated by reference in the Prospectus by virtue of this Supplement will prevail.

Save as disclosed in this Supplement or in any document incorporated by reference in the Prospectus by virtue of this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Prospectus has arisen or been noted, as the case may be, since the publication of the Prospectus.

Investors should be aware of their rights under Section 87Q(4) of the FSMA.

## SCHEDULE 1

### Incorporation of Information Incorporated by Reference in the Prospectus

- (a) the registration document dated 10 March 2010 of RBSG, which was published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc (the “RNS”) on 10 March 2010;
- (b) the registration document dated 10 March 2010 of RBS, which was published via the RNS on 10 March 2010;
- (c) the annual results of RBSG for the year ended 31 December 2009, which were published via the RNS on 25 February 2010;
- (d) the interim results of RBS for the half year ended June 30, 2009, which were published via the RNS on August 28, 2009;
- (e) the following sections of the prospectus published on 16 March 2009 in connection with RBSG’s placing and open offer of 16,909,716,385 ordinary shares, which comprises a prospectus prepared in accordance with the Prospectus Rules of the UK Listing Authority made under section 73A of the FSMA:
  - (i) “Important Information” on pages 28 to 31;
  - (ii) Part I (Letter From the Chairman of RBS) on pages 35 to 39 excluding the paragraphs under the heading “Trading and outlook” on pages 38 and 39;
  - (iii) Appendix to the Letter From the Chairman of RBS on pages 40 to 50 excluding Part A paragraph 10 (Overseas Shareholders) on page 46, Part A paragraph 11 (UK and US Taxation) on page 46 and Part A paragraph 12 (Action to be taken in respect of the Open Offer) on pages 46 to 48;
  - (iv) the following paragraphs of Part IX (Additional Information) on pages 106 to 151:
    - 8 (Remuneration details, Directors’ service contracts and letters of appointment) on pages 122 to 126;
    - 9 (Board practices) on pages 126 to 128; and
    - 13 (RBS Employee Share Plans) on pages 130 to 138; and
  - (v) Part XI (Definitions) on pages 154 to 162;
- (f) the following sections of the Shareholder Circular published by RBSG on 27 November 2009:
  - (i) “Financial Information” on page 5;
  - (ii) “Part I – Letter From the Chairman of RBS” on pages 10 to 20;
  - (iii) “Appendix 2 to the Letter From the Chairman of RBS – Principal Terms and Conditions of the APS” on pages 46 to 75;
  - (iv) “Appendix 3 to the Letter From the Chairman of RBS – Principal Terms of Issue of the B Shares and the Dividend Access Share” on pages 76 to 84;
  - (v) “Appendix 4 to the Letter From the Chairman of RBS – Key Terms of the State Aid Restructuring Plan” on pages 85 to 86;
  - (vi) “Part II – Capital Resources and Liquidity Management” on pages 89 to 94;

- (vii) "Part IV – Additional Information – 9 Material contracts" on pages 111 to 118;
  - (viii) "Part VI – Definitions" on pages 121 to 133;
  - (ix) "Annex 1 – Terms of Issue of the B Shares and the Dividend Access Share" on pages 134 to 170; and
  - (x) "Annex 3 – Scheme Principles" on pages 177 to 181; and
- (g) the announcement headed "The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc and National Westminster Bank plc – Clarification of Contractual Position Relating to Payments Under Preference Shares and Subordinated Securities" published via the RNS on 20 October 2009.

## SCHEDULE 2

### Risk Factors

- RBSG and its United Kingdom bank subsidiaries may face the risk of full nationalisation or other resolution procedures under the Banking Act 2009.
- The Group's businesses, earnings and financial condition have been and will continue to be affected by the global economy and instability in the global financial markets
- The Group was required to obtain State aid approval, for the aid given to the Group by HM Treasury and for the Group's State aid restructuring plan, from the European Commission. The Group is subject to a variety of risks as a result of implementing the State aid restructuring plan. The State aid restructuring plan includes a prohibition on the making of discretionary dividend or coupon payments on existing hybrid capital instruments (including preference shares and B Shares) for a two year period commencing no later than 30 April 2010, which may impair the Group's ability to raise new Tier 1 capital through the issuance of ordinary shares and other Securities.
- The Group's ability to implement its strategic plan depends on the success of the Group's refocus on its core strengths and the balance sheet reduction programme arising out of its previously announced non-core restructuring plan and the State aid restructuring plan.
- The extensive organisational restructuring may adversely affect the Group's business, results of operations and financial condition.
- Lack of liquidity is a risk to the Group's business and its ability to access sources of liquidity has been, and will continue to be, constrained.
- Governmental support schemes may be subject to cancellation, change or withdrawal or may fail to be renewed, which may have a negative impact on the availability of funding in the markets in which the Group operates.
- The financial performance of the Group has been and will be affected by borrower credit quality.
- The actual or perceived failure or worsening credit of the Group's counterparties has adversely affected and could continue to adversely affect the Group.
- The Group's earnings and financial condition have been, and its future earnings and financial condition may continue to be, affected by depressed asset valuations resulting from poor market conditions.
- The value or effectiveness of any credit protection that the Group has purchased from monoline and other insurers and other market counterparties (including credit derivative product companies) depends on the value of the underlying assets and the financial condition of the insurers and such counterparties.
- Changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, credit spreads, bond, equity and commodity prices and other market factors have significantly affected and will continue to affect the Group's business.
- The Group's borrowing costs and its access to the debt capital markets depend significantly on its and the United Kingdom Government's credit ratings.

- The Group's business performance could be adversely affected if its capital is not managed effectively or if there are changes to capital adequacy and liquidity requirements.
- The value of certain financial instruments recorded at fair value is determined using financial models incorporating assumptions, judgements and estimates that may change over time or may ultimately not turn out to be accurate.
- The Group operates in markets that are highly competitive and consolidating. If the Group is unable to perform effectively, its business and results of operations will be adversely affected.
- As a condition to HM Treasury support, RBSG has agreed to certain undertakings which may serve to limit the Group's operations and it may be required to agree to further restrictions in the future
- The Group could fail to attract or retain senior management, which may include members of the Board, or other key employees, and it may suffer if it does not maintain good employee relations.
- Each of the Group's businesses is subject to substantial regulation and oversight. Any significant regulatory developments could have an effect on how the Group conducts its business and on its results of operations and financial condition.
- The Group's results have been and could be further adversely affected in the event of goodwill impairment.
- The Group may be required to make further contributions to its pension schemes if the value of pension fund assets is not sufficient to cover potential obligations.
- The Group is and may be subject to litigation and regulatory investigations that may impact its business.
- Operational risks are inherent in the Group's operations.
- The Group is exposed to the risk of changes in tax legislation and its interpretation and to increases in the rate of corporate and other taxes in the jurisdictions in which it operates.
- HM Treasury (or UKFI on its behalf) may be able to exercise a significant degree of influence over the Group.
- The Group's insurance businesses are subject to inherent risks involving claims.
- The Group's operations have inherent reputational risk.
- In the United Kingdom and in other jurisdictions, the Group is responsible for contributing to compensation schemes in respect of banks and other authorised financial services firms that are unable to meet their obligations to customers.
- The Group's business and earnings may be affected by geopolitical conditions.
- The restructuring proposals for ABN AMRO are complex and may not realise the anticipated benefits for the Group.
- The recoverability and regulatory capital treatment of certain deferred tax assets recognised by the Group depends on the Group's ability to generate sufficient future taxable profits and there being no adverse changes to tax legislation, regulatory requirements or accounting standards.

In addition to the risk factors described above, the Group is also subject to additional risks related to the Group's participation in the Asset Protection Scheme, the B Shares, the Contingent B Shares and the Dividend Access Share.