

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC  
 Form 424B5  
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 Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. 26 dated December 3, 2012 (to: Prospectus dated September 28, 2012 and  
 Prospectus Supplement dated September 28, 2012)

| CUSIP / ISIN Number      | Aggregate Principal Amount | Price to Public | Selling Commission | Net Proceeds | Coupon Type | Coupon Rate        | Coupon Frequency | Maturity Date | 1st Coupon Date | Coupon Amount | 1st Coupon Date | Coupon Amount | Survival Option |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 78012DBB8 / US78012DBB82 | \$                         | 100.00%         | 1.50%              | \$           | FIXED       | 2.25%<br>per annum | MONTHLY          | 12/15/2017    | 01/15/2013      | \$2.00        |                 |               | NO              |

Redemption Information:  
 Non-Callable/Non-Puttable

Lead Manager and Lead Agent: RBS Securities Inc.

Offering Dates: 12/03/2012 through 12/10/2012  
 Trade Date: 12/10/2012  
 Settlement Date: 12/13/2012  
 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.

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc  
 Retail Corporate Notes  
 Prospectus dated September 28, 2012  
 and Prospectus Supplement dated September 28, 2012

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 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.

Intended to be listed on the Channel Islands Stock Exchange.