

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC
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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

For August 5, 2011

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The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Appendix 2

Businesses outlined for disposal

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To comply with EC State Aid requirements the Group agreed to make a series of divestments by the end of 2013: the disposal of RBS Insurance, Global Merchant Services and its interest in RBS Sempra Commodities JV. The Group also agreed to dispose of its RBS England and Wales and NatWest Scotland branch-based businesses, along with certain SME and corporate activities across the UK ('UK branch-based businesses'). The disposals of Global Merchant Services and RBS Sempra Commodities JV businesses have now effectively been completed.

The sale of the Group's UK branch-based businesses to Santander UK plc continues to make good progress. Due to the complex nature of the process required to separate the divesting branches and associated assets, and the desire to minimise customer disruption, the transaction is now expected to complete in the second half of 2012, subject to regulatory approvals and other conditions.

Preparations for the disposal of RBS Insurance, by way of public flotation or a trade sale, targeted for the second half of 2012 continue. External advisors were appointed during Q4 2010 and the process of separation is proceeding on plan. In the meantime, the business continues to be managed and reported as a separate core division.

The table below shows Total income and Operating profit of RBS Insurance, and the UK branch-based businesses.

	Total income		Operating profit/(loss) before impairments		Operating profit/(loss)	
	H1 2011	FY 2010	H1 2011	FY 2010	H1 2011	FY 2010
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
RBS Insurance (1)	2,116	4,369	206	(295)	206	(295)
UK branch-based businesses (2)	472	902	248	439	185	160
Total	2,588	5,271	454	144	391	(135)

The table below shows the estimated risk-weighted assets, total assets and capital of the businesses identified for disposal.

	RWAs		Total assets		Capital	
	31		31		31	
	30 June	December	30 June	December	30 June	December
	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010
	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn
RBS Insurance (1)	n/m	n/m	12.7	12.4	4.2	4.0
UK branch-based businesses (2)	11.5	13.2	19.6	19.9	1.0	1.2
Total	11.5	13.2	32.3	32.3	5.2	5.2

Notes:

- (1) As reported in the Interim Results for the half year ended 30 June 2011 and Annual Results for the year ended 31 December 2010 and excluding non-core business. Estimated capital includes approximately £1.0 billion of goodwill.
- (2) Estimated notional equity based on 9% of RWAs.

Appendix 2 Businesses outlined for disposal (continued)

Further information on the UK branch-based businesses by division is shown in the tables below:

	Division		Total	
	UK	UK	H1 2011	FY 2010
	Retail	Corporate		
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income statement				
Net interest income	146	200	346	656
Non-interest income	50	76	126	246
Total income	196	276	472	902
Direct expenses				
- staff	(39)	(43)	(82)	(176)
- other	(47)	(35)	(82)	(144)
Indirect expenses	(37)	(23)	(60)	(143)
	(123)	(101)	(224)	(463)
Operating profit before impairment losses	73	175	248	439
Impairment losses (1)	(39)	(24)	(63)	(279)
Operating profit	34	151	185	160
Analysis of income by product				
Loans and advances	69	174	243	445
Deposits	53	77	130	261

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Mortgages	65	-	65	120
Other	9	25	34	76
Total income	196	276	472	902
Net interest margin	4.61%	3.07%	3.57%	3.24%
Employee numbers (full time equivalents rounded to the nearest hundred)	3,000	1,600	4,600	4,400

Note:

(1) Q1 2011 impairment losses benefitted from £54 million of latent and other provision releases.

	Division			Total	
	UK Retail £bn	UK Corporate £bn	Global Banking & Markets £bn	30 June 2011 £bn	31 December 2010 £bn
Capital and balance sheet					
Total third party assets	6.6	13.0	-	19.6	19.9
Loans and advances to customers (gross)	6.9	13.4	-	20.3	20.7
Customer deposits	8.8	14.9	-	23.7	24.0
Derivative assets	-	-	0.4	0.4	n/a
Derivative liabilities	-	-	0.1	0.1	n/a
Risk elements in lending	0.5	1.1	-	1.6	1.7
Loan:deposit ratio	79%	90%	-	86%	86%
Risk-weighted assets	3.3	8.2	-	11.5	13.2

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.

Date: 5 August 2011

THE ROYAL BANK OF
SCOTLAND GROUP plc
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Jan Cargill

Name: Jan Cargill

Title: Deputy Secretary