

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC  
 Form 424B5  
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 Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. 16 dated August 28, 2012 (to: Prospectus dated September 30, 2009 and  
 Prospectus Supplement dated November 21, 2011)

CUSIP / ISIN Number	Aggregate Principal Amount	Price to Public	Selling Commission	Net Proceeds	Coupon Type	Coupon Rate	Coupon Frequency	Maturity Date	1st Coupon Date	
78012DAR4 / US78012DAR44	\$	100.00%	1.50%	\$	FIXED	3.50% per annum	MONTHLY	09/15/2017	10/15/2012	

Redemption Information: Non-Callable/Non-Puttable

Lead Manager and Lead Agent: RBS Securities Inc.

<p>The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc</p>	<p>Offering Dates: 08/28/2012 through 09/04/2012                  Trade Date: 09/04/2012                  Settlement Date: 09/07/2012                  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.</p>	<p>The Royal Bank of Scotland Group                  Retail Corporate No.                  Prospectus dated September 30, 2009                  and Prospectus Supplement dated November 21, 2011</p>
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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.