

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC  
Form 6-K  
November 17, 2015

**FORM 6-K**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 November 17, 2015

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The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

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NOVEMBER 17, 2015

THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC LAUNCHES CASH TENDER OFFER ON CERTAIN U.S. DOLLAR SECURITIES

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the "**Offeror**") has today invited holders of the securities listed below (the "**Securities**") to tender any and all of their Securities for purchase by the Offeror for cash (the "**Offers**") on the terms of, and subject to the conditions contained in, a tender offer memorandum dated November 17, 2015 (the "**Tender Offer Memorandum**"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this announcement have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Tender Offer Memorandum.

Holders are advised to read carefully the Tender Offer Memorandum for full details of, and information on the procedures for participating in, the Offers.

| Title of Fixed Rate Note     | ISIN         | CUSIP     | Principal Amount Outstanding | Reference U.S. Treasury Security | Bloomberg Reference Page | Fixed Spread     |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 5.625% Senior Notes due 2020 | US78010XAE13 | 78010XAE1 | U.S.\$1,232,884,000          | 1.375% due 2020                  | FIT1                     | +80 basis points |
| 6.125% Senior Notes due 2021 | US78010XAK72 | 78010XAK7 | U.S.\$847,971,000            | 1.375% due 2020                  | FIT1                     | +85 basis points |

Rationale for the Offers

Concurrently with the Offers, the Offeror is inviting non-U.S. holders of certain of its euro-denominated securities in the aggregate principal amount outstanding of €1,340,854,000 and sterling-denominated securities in the aggregate principal amount outstanding of £1,919,915,000 to sell such securities to the Offeror (the "**Non-U.S. Offer**"). That invitation is not open to any holder of such securities that is a U.S. resident. Holders that are U.S. residents that hold any such securities may not offer to sell them pursuant to such invitation. Holders may not tender any securities in these Offers other than the Securities specified in the table above.

Through the Offers and the Non-U.S. Offer, the Offeror intends to manage its overall liability composition and mix for value. In this regard, it considers future interest expense with reference to its balance sheet whilst maintaining a prudent approach to liquidity and costs.

### **Purchase Price for the Securities**

In respect of each series of Securities, the Purchase Price for Securities of such series accepted for purchase by the Offeror will be calculated so as to result in a price as of the Settlement Date that equates to a yield to the maturity date for the applicable series of Securities equal to the sum of:

The yield to maturity (the “**Reference Yield**”) corresponding to the bid-side price of the applicable Reference Treasury Security (ISIN: US912828L997 / CUSIP: 912828L99) set forth for the relevant series of Securities specified in the table above at 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on November 24, 2015, *plus*

The applicable Fixed Spread set forth for the relevant series of Securities specified in the table above.

This sum with respect to each series of Securities is referred to in the Tender Offer Memorandum as the “**Repurchase Yield**” for such series. Specifically, the Purchase Price per U.S.\$1,000 principal amount of each series of the Securities will equal:

The present value per U.S.\$1,000 principal amount of all remaining payments of principal and interest on such Securities to be made to (and including) the maturity date of such Securities, discounted to the Settlement Date in accordance with the formula set forth in the Tender Offer Memorandum, at a discount rate equal to the applicable Repurchase Yield, *minus*

· Accrued Interest on the relevant series of Securities per U.S.\$1,000 principal amount of such Securities.

The Dealer Managers will calculate the Repurchase Yield and Purchase Price applicable to each series of the Securities, and their calculation will be final and binding, absent manifest error.

The total consideration payable to each Holder in respect of Securities validly tendered (and not validly withdrawn) and accepted for purchase by the Offeror will be an amount in cash equal to (i) the relevant Purchase Price multiplied by each U.S.\$1,000 in aggregate principal amount of such Securities tendered and delivered by such Holder and accepted by the Offeror for purchase (rounded to the nearest U.S.\$0.01, with U.S.\$0.005 being rounded upwards) *plus* (ii) any Accrued Interest payable in respect of such Securities.

All Securities purchased by the Offeror pursuant to the Offers will be immediately cancelled. Securities which have not been successfully submitted and accepted for purchase pursuant to the Offers will remain outstanding after the Settlement Date.

### **Accrued Interest**

An amount equal to accrued and unpaid interest will also be paid as consideration in respect of all Securities validly tendered and delivered (and not validly withdrawn) and accepted for purchase by the Offeror pursuant to the Offers from, and including, the immediately preceding interest payment date for the relevant series of Securities to, but excluding, the Settlement Date.

The Dealer Managers will calculate the Accrued Interest in respect of all Securities, and their calculation will be final and binding, absent manifest error.

### **Offers Period and Results**

The Offers commenced today, November 17, 2015 and will end at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on November 24, 2015 (the “**Expiration Deadline**”), unless extended, re-opened, and/or terminated as provided in the Tender Offer Memorandum.

**The relevant deadline set by any intermediary or DTC for the submission of Tender Instructions may be earlier than this deadline.**

The results of the Offers are expected to be announced on November 25, 2015. The acceptance of Securities for purchase is conditional on the satisfaction of the conditions of the Offers as provided in the Tender Offer Memorandum. Settlement of the relevant Purchase Price and, where applicable, Accrued Interest is expected to take place on November 30, 2015.

In order to receive the Purchase Price and Accrued Interest, holders of Securities must validly tender their Securities by the Expiration Deadline, by delivering, or arranging to have delivered on their behalf, a valid Tender Instruction that is received by the Tender Agent by the Expiration Deadline. Any submission amount must be equal to or greater than the relevant Security's Minimum Denomination. See the Tender Offer Memorandum for further details on submitting a Tender Instruction.

Once the Offeror has announced the results of the Offers in accordance with applicable law, the Offeror's acceptance of Tender Instructions in accordance with the terms of the Offer will be irrevocable. Tender Instructions which are so accepted will constitute binding obligations of the submitting Holders and the Offeror to settle the Offers.

Announcements in connection with the Offers will be made by the issue of a press release through the relevant Reuters Insider Screen, Notifying News Service and by the delivery of notices to DTC, for communication to

Direct Participants. Copies of all announcements, notices and press releases can also be obtained from the Tender Agent, the contact details for which are set out below.

## INDICATIVE TIMETABLE

The following table sets out the expected dates and times of the key events relating to the Offers. This is an indicative timetable and is subject to change.

| Date and Time                                      | Action   |
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|  | <b><i>Commencement of the Offers</i></b>   |
| November 17, 2015                                  | Offers announced through the relevant Reuters Insider Screen, DTC and by publication on a recognized financial news service or services ( <i>e.g.</i> Reuters/Bloomberg) as selected by the Offeror (a “ <b>Notifying News Service</b> ”).   |
|  | Tender Offer Memorandum available from the Tender Agent.   |
|  | <b><i>Price Determination Time</i></b>   |
| November 24, 2015, 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) | The Dealer Managers will calculate the Purchase Price in respect of each series of Securities in the manner described in the Tender Offer Memorandum at the Price Determination Time. The Offeror will announce the Purchase Price in respect of each series of Securities as soon as reasonably practicable following the Price Determination Time. |
| November 24, 2015, 5:00 p.m. (New York City time)  | <b><i>Expiration Deadline</i></b>  |
|  | The last time and date for Holders to tender Securities in order to be able to participate in the Offers and to be eligible to receive the relevant Purchase Price and Accrued Interest on the Settlement Date.  |
|  | This is also the deadline for Holders who have tendered Securities in the Offers to be able to validly withdraw such Securities.   |

***Announcement of Results of the Offers***

November 25,  
2015

The Offeror expects to announce the final aggregate principal amount of each series of Securities accepted for purchase.

***Settlement Date***

November 30,  
2015

Expected Settlement Date for Securities validly tendered and accepted by the Offeror. Payment of the relevant Purchase Price and any Accrued Interest in respect of any such Securities.

The above dates and times are subject, where applicable, to the right of the Offeror to extend, re-open, amend, and/or terminate the Offers, subject to applicable laws. Holders of Securities are advised to check with any bank, securities broker or other intermediary through which they hold Securities when such intermediary would require to receive instructions to participate in, or withdraw their instruction to participate in, the Offers before the deadlines set out above.

Holders of Securities are advised to read carefully the Tender Offer Memorandum for full details of and information on the procedures for participating in the Offers.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Lucid Issuer Services Limited has been appointed by the Offeror as Tender Agent (the “**Tender Agent**”) for the purposes of the Tender Offer.

RBS Securities Inc., an affiliate of the Offeror, has been appointed as Global Arranger and Lead Dealer Manager in connection with the Offers. Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and UBS Limited have been appointed as Joint Dealer Managers for the purposes of the Offers (the Joint Dealer Managers together with the Global Arranger and Lead Dealer Manager and, where the context so requires, each of their respective affiliates, the “**Dealer Managers**”).

Holders of Securities may access the Tender Offer Memorandum and the form of notice of guaranteed delivery (as described in the Tender Offer Memorandum) at <http://www.lucid-is.com/rbs>.

Requests for information in relation to the Offers should be directed to:

GLOBAL ARRANGER AND LEAD DEALER MANAGER

**RBS Securities Inc.**

600 Washington Boulevard  
Stamford, CT 06901  
United States  
Attention: Liability Management  
Email: [USliabilitymanagement@rbs.com](mailto:USliabilitymanagement@rbs.com)  
+1 (203) 897-2963

**JOINT DEALER MANAGERS**

**Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.**

60 Wall Street  
New York, NY 10005  
United States

Attention: Liability Management Group  
+1 (866) 627-0391 (toll free)  
+1 (212) 250-2955 (collect)

**UBS Limited**

1 Finsbury Avenue  
London EC2M 2PP  
United Kingdom

Attention: Liability Management Group  
+1 (888) 719-4210 (toll free)

+1 (203) 719-4210 (collect)

Requests for information in relation to the procedures for tendering Securities in, and for any documents or materials relating to, the Tender Offer should be directed to:

**TENDER AGENT**

**Lucid Issuer Services Limited**

Leroy House  
436 Essex Road

London N1 3QP  
United Kingdom  
+44 20 7704 0880

Facsimile: +44 20 7067 9098

Attention: David Shilson  
Email: [rbs@lucid-is.com](mailto:rbs@lucid-is.com)

## NOTICE AND DISCLAIMER

Subject to applicable law, the Offeror or any of its affiliates may at any time and from time to time following completion of the Offers purchase remaining outstanding Securities by tender, in the open market, by private agreement or otherwise on such terms and at such prices as the Offeror or, if applicable, its affiliates may determine. Such terms, consideration and prices may be more or less favorable than those offered pursuant to the Offers.

This announcement must be read in conjunction with the Tender Offer Memorandum. This announcement and the Tender Offer Memorandum contain important information which must be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to the Offers. If any holder of Securities is in any doubt as to the action it should take, it is recommended to seek its own legal, accounting and financial advice, including as to any tax consequences, immediately from its stockbroker, bank manager, attorney, accountant or other independent financial adviser. Any individual or company whose Securities are held on its behalf by a broker, dealer, bank, custodian, trust company or other nominee or intermediary must contact such entity if it wishes to participate in the Offers. None of the Offeror, the Dealer Managers, the Tender Agent and any person who controls, or is a director, officer, employee or agent of such persons, or any affiliate of such persons, makes any recommendation as to whether holders of Securities should participate in the Offers.

## OFFER AND DISTRIBUTION RESTRICTIONS

This announcement and the Tender Offer Memorandum do not constitute an offer or an invitation to participate in the Offers in any jurisdiction in which, or to any person to or from whom, it is unlawful to make such offer or invitation or for there to be such participation under applicable laws. The distribution of this announcement and the Tender Offer Memorandum in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum comes are required by each of the Offeror, the Dealer Managers and the Tender Agent to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions.

### United Kingdom

This announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other documents or materials relating to the Offers have not been approved by an authorized person for the purposes of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “FSMA”). Accordingly, such documents and/or materials are not being distributed to, and must not be passed on to, the general public in the United Kingdom. The communication of such documents and/or materials is exempt from the restriction on financial promotions under section 21 of the FSMA on the basis that it is only directed at and may only be communicated to (1) those persons who are existing members or creditors of the Offeror or other persons within Article 43 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, and (2) any other persons to whom these documents and/or materials may lawfully be communicated.

This announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other documents or materials relating to the Offer are not addressed to or directed at any other person, including any retail clients within the meaning of the rules, regulations and guidance issued by the Financial Services Authority and such other persons should not act or rely upon it.

## Belgium

None of this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum or any other documents or materials relating to the Offers have been submitted to or will be submitted for approval or recognition to the Financial Services and Markets Authority (*Autorité des services et marchés financiers / Autoriteit Financiële diensten en markten*) and, accordingly, the Offers may not be made in Belgium by way of a public offering, as defined in Articles 3 and 6 of the Belgian Law of April 1, 2007 on public takeover bids as amended or replaced from time to time. Accordingly, the Offers may not be advertised and the Offers will not be extended, and none of this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum or any other documents or materials relating to the Offers (including any memorandum, information circular, brochure or any similar documents) has been or shall be distributed or made available, directly or indirectly, to any person in Belgium other than “qualified investors” in the sense of Article 10 of the Belgian Law of June 16, 2006 on the public offer of placement instruments and the admission to trading of placement instruments on regulated markets, acting on their own account. This announcement and the Tender Offer Memorandum have been issued only for the personal use of the above qualified investors and exclusively for the purpose of the Offers. Accordingly, the information contained in this

announcement and the Tender Offer Memorandum may not be used for any other purpose or disclosed to any other person in Belgium.

#### France

The Offers are not being made, directly or indirectly, to the public in France. Neither this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum, nor any other documents or offering materials relating to the Offers, has been or shall be distributed to the public in France and only (i) providers of investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties (*personnes fournissant le service d'investissement de gestion de portefeuille pour compte de tiers*) and/or (ii) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*), other than individuals, all as defined in, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*, are eligible to participate in the Offers. The Tender Offer Memorandum has not been submitted to the clearance procedures (*visa*) of the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

#### Italy

None of the Offers, this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum or any other documents or materials relating to the Offers has been or will be submitted to the clearance procedure of the *Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* (“**CONSOB**”), pursuant to applicable Italian laws and regulations.

The Offers are being carried out in the Republic of Italy (“**Italy**”) as exempted offers pursuant to article 101-bis, paragraph 3-bis of the Legislative Decree No. 58 of February 24, 1998, as amended (the “**Financial Services Act**”) and article 35-bis, paragraph 4 of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of May 14, 1999, as amended (the “**CONSOB Regulation**”).

Holders or beneficial owners of the Securities located in Italy can tender Securities for purchase in the Offers through authorized persons (such as investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries permitted to conduct such activities in Italy in accordance with the Financial Services Act, CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of October 29, 2007, as amended from time to time, and Legislative Decree No. 385 of September 1, 1993, as amended) and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations or with requirements imposed by CONSOB or any other Italian authority.

Each intermediary must comply with the applicable laws and regulations concerning information duties *vis-à-vis* its clients in connection with the Securities or the Offers.

#### Switzerland

Neither this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum, nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the Securities constitutes a prospectus as such term is understood pursuant to article 652a or article 1156 of the Swiss Federal Code of Obligations or a listing prospectus within the meaning of the listing rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange. Accordingly, the investor protection rules otherwise applicable to investors in Switzerland do not apply to the Offers. When in doubt, investors based in Switzerland are recommended to contact their legal, financial or tax adviser with respect to the Offers.

## General

The Offers do not constitute an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to sell Securities in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. In those jurisdictions where the securities or other laws require the Offers to be made by a licensed broker or dealer and either of the Dealer Managers or, where the context so requires, any of their respective affiliates is such a licensed broker or dealer in that jurisdiction, the Offers shall be deemed to be made on behalf of the Offeror by such Dealer Manager or affiliate (as the case may be) in such jurisdiction.

Each Holder participating in an Offer will be deemed to give certain representations in respect of the jurisdictions referred to above and generally as set out in “*Procedures for Participating in the Offers*” in the Tender Offer Memorandum. Any tender of Securities for purchase pursuant to an Offer from a Holder that is unable to make these representations may be rejected. Each of the Offeror, the Dealer Managers and the Tender Agent reserves the right, in their absolute discretion, to investigate, in relation to any tender of Securities for purchase pursuant to an Offer, whether any such representation given by a Holder is correct and, if such investigation is undertaken and as a result the Offeror determines (for any reason) that such representation is not correct, such tender may be rejected.

**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.

THE ROYAL BANK OF  
SCOTLAND GROUP plc  
(Registrant)

Date: November 17, 2015 By: /s/ Peter Helmn  
Name: Peter Helmn  
Title: Head of Transition

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