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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## FORM 6-K

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For March 30, 2016

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## THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC

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MARCH 30, 2016

**THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC AND THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC LAUNCH CASH TENDER OFFERS ON CERTAIN U.S. DOLLAR SECURITIES**

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ( **RBSG plc** ) and, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, the **Group** ) and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ( **RBS plc** ) (each an **Offeror** and together, the **Offerors** ) have today separately invited holders of the securities issued by them and listed below (the **Securities** ) to tender any and all of their Securities for purchase by the relevant Offeror for cash (each an **Offer** and together, the **Offers** ) on the terms of, and subject to the conditions set forth in the tender offer memorandum dated March 30, 2016 (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	Issuer and Offeror	ISIN	CUSIP	Principal Amount Outstanding	2017 Notes Purchase Price
1.875% Senior Notes due 2017 ( <b>2017 Notes</b> )	The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc	US780099CG09	780099CG0	U.S.\$ 700,000,000	U.S.\$1,005 per U.S.\$1,000 principal amount

Title of Fixed Rate Note	Issuer and Offeror	ISIN	CUSIP	Principal Amount Outstanding	Reference U.S. Treasury Security	Bloomberg Reference Page	Fixed Spread
6.40% Senior Notes due 2019 ( <b>2019 Notes</b> )	The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc	US780097AW11	780097AW1	U.S.\$ 1,500,000,000	1.000% due March 15, 2019	FIT1	+185 basis points
5.625% Senior Notes due 2020 ( <b>2020 Notes</b> )	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc	US78010XAE13	78010XAE1	U.S.\$ 429,740,000	1.125% due March 15, 2021	FIT1	+125 basis points
6.125% Senior Notes due 2021 ( <b>2021 Notes</b> )	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc	US78010XAK72	78010XAK7	U.S.\$ 321,248,000	1.125% due February 28, 2021	FIT1	+135 basis points

**Rationale for the Offers**

The Offerors have today also separately invited holders of certain euro and pounds sterling denominated debt securities issued by them who are outside the United States to tender those securities for purchase by the relevant Offeror (the **Non-U.S. Offers** ). The Non-U.S. Offers are being made in certain countries outside the United States only.

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The Offers and the Non-U.S. Offers are made as part of the Offerors' ongoing liability management, with the intention of supporting the ongoing transition of the Group to a holding company capital and term funding model in line with regulatory requirements.

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

The Group is offering relevant holders of RBS plc's Securities a further opportunity to tender their Securities. RBS plc is intended to be one of the future non-ringfenced banking entities of the Group.

The Offers are not conditional upon any future capital markets issuance.

### **Purchase Prices and Accrued Interest**

In respect of the 2017 Notes, RBSG plc will pay the purchase price of U.S.\$1,005 per U.S.\$1,000 principal amount of the 2017 Notes (the **2017 Notes Purchase Price**) validly tendered and accepted for purchase.

In respect of the 2019 Notes, 2020 Notes and 2021 Notes (together, the **Fixed Spread Securities**), the relevant Offeror will pay a purchase price (the **Fixed Spread Purchase Price**), and together with the 2017 Notes Purchase Price, each a **Purchase Price**) per U.S.\$1,000 principal amount of the Fixed Spread Securities validly tendered and accepted by it for purchase (before accrued interest) pursuant to the relevant Offer calculated as described in the Tender Offer Memorandum in a manner intended to result in a yield to maturity (the **Repurchase Yield**) equal to the sum of:

- the yield to maturity (the **Reference Yield**) based on the bid-side price of the relevant Reference U.S. Treasury Security specified in the table above (each a **Reference Treasury Security**) as reported on the Bloomberg Reference Page specified above at 11.00 a.m., New York City time, on April 6, 2016, unless such time and date may be extended (the **Price Determination Time**); and
- the applicable fixed spread shown in the table above (the **Fixed Spread**).

In addition to the Purchase Price, the relevant Offeror will also pay any accrued and unpaid interest on each of the Securities purchased pursuant to the relevant Offer up to, but not including, the Settlement Date (the **Accrued Interest**).

Securities repurchased by the Offerors pursuant to the Offers will be immediately cancelled. Securities that have not been validly tendered and/or accepted for purchase, or which have been tendered and validly withdrawn, pursuant to the Offers will remain outstanding after the Settlement Date.

**Offer Period and Results**

The Offers commenced today, March 30, 2016 and will end at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on April 6, 2016 (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 April 7, 2016. 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 April 11, 2016.

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 Offerors have announced the results of the Offers in accordance with applicable law, each 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 relevant 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
March 30, 2016	<p><b>Commencement of the Offers</b> Offers announced through the relevant Reuters Insider Screen, DTC and by publication on a recognized financial news service or services (e.g. Reuters/Bloomberg) as selected by the Offerors (a Notifying News Service). Tender Offer Memorandum available from the Tender Agent.</p>
April 6, 2016, 11:00 a.m. (New York City time)	<p><b>Price Determination Time</b> The Dealer Managers will calculate the Fixed Spread Purchase Price in respect of each series of Fixed Spread Securities in the manner described in the Tender Offer Memorandum at the Price Determination Time. The Offerors will announce the Fixed Spread Purchase Price in respect of each series of Fixed Spread Securities as soon as reasonably practicable following the Price Determination Time.</p>
April 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. (New York City time)	<p><b>Expiration Deadline</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.</p>

April 7, 2016

*Announcement of Results of the Offers*

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



**Date and Time**

April 11, 2016

**Action**

***Settlement Date***

Expected Settlement Date for Securities validly tendered and accepted by the relevant 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 each Offeror to extend, re-open, amend, and/or terminate the relevant 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 Offerors as Tender Agent (the **Tender Agent** ) for the purposes of the Offers.

RBS Securities Inc., an affiliate of the Offerors, has been appointed as Global Arranger and Lead Dealer Manager in connection with the Offers. Goldman, Sachs & Co. has been appointed as Dealer Manager for the purposes of the Offers (the Dealer Manager and, together with the Global Arranger and Lead Dealer Manager and any entity that may subsequently be appointed as a co-dealer manager in connection with the Offers, 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  
In the U.S.: +1 (203) 897-2963  
In Europe: +44 (0) 20 7085 3781

**DEALER MANAGER**

**Goldman, Sachs & Co.**  
200 West Street

New York, NY 10282  
United States

Attention: Liability Management Group  
In the United States:  
Toll Free: +1 (800) 828-3182  
Collect: +1 (212) 902-5183  
In Europe: Telephone: +44 (0) 20 7774 9862  
E-mail: liabilitymanagement.eu@gs.com

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

**TENDER AGENT**

**Lucid Issuer Services Limited**

Leroy House  
436 Essex Road

London N1 3QP  
United Kingdom  
+44 20 7704 0880

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

## **NOTICE AND DISCLAIMER**

Subject to applicable law, each Offeror or any of its affiliates may at any time and from time to time following completion of the relevant Offers purchase remaining outstanding Securities issued by it by tender, in the open market, by private agreement or otherwise on such terms and at such prices as such 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 Offerors, 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 the Offerors, 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 either 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.

Neither this announcement nor the Tender Offer Memorandum is 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 Conduct 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/or 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/or 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. None of 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. Neither this announcement nor the Tender Offer Memorandum has 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 document or materials relating to the Offers has been or will be submitted to the clearance procedures of the Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa ( CONSOB ) pursuant to Italian laws and regulations.

Each Offer is being carried out in Italy as an exempted offer 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. Holders or beneficial owners of the Securities that are located in Italy can tender Securities for purchase in the Offers through authorised 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**

None of this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum or 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

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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 any 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 Offer shall be deemed to be made on behalf of the relevant 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 Offerors, 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 relevant 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.

Date: March 30, 2016

THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP plc  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ M STEVENS  
Name: Mark Stevens  
Title: Assistant Secretary