

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC  
Form 8-A12B  
August 25, 2004

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20459

FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Scotland**  
  
(State of  
incorporation  
or organization)

**None**  
  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**42 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YE**  
**United Kingdom**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

If this form relates to the registration of a class of debt securities and is effective upon filing pursuant to General Instruction A(c)(1) please check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of debt securities and is to become effective simultaneously with the effectiveness of a concurrent registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 pursuant to General Instruction A(c)(2) please check the following box.

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class  
to be so registered

Name of each exchange on which each class is to to be registered

American Depositary Shares, Series M

New York Stock Exchange

Non-cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series M

New York Stock Exchange\*

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- \* Application is made for listing, not trading, but only in connection with the registration of American Depositary Shares pursuant to the requirements of the New York Stock Exchange.

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

**None**

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#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

The Registrant filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on October 18, 2002 a Registration Statement on Form F-3 (the Registration Statement) relating to the Registrant's Debt Securities, Trust Preferred Securities, Partnership Preferred Securities, Subordinated Guarantees and Dollar Preference Shares. The Registration Statement was declared effective by the Commission on January 22, 2003. On August 20, 2004 the Registrant filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5) under the Securities Act of 1933 a prospectus dated August 17, 2004 and final prospectus supplement dated August 18, 2004 (the Prospectus and Prospectus Supplement, respectively). The Prospectus Supplement and the Prospectus are incorporated herein by reference to the extent set forth below.

##### Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered

Reference is made to the information set forth under the headings Description of Dollar Preference Shares and Description of American Depositary Receipts on pages 52 through 64 of the Prospectus; and to the information set forth under the headings Certain Terms of the Series M Preference Shares on pages S-9 through S-12 of the Prospectus Supplement and Certain US Federal and UK Tax Consequences on pages S-13 through S-15 of the Prospectus Supplement, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

##### Item 2. Exhibits

- (A) Registration Statement on Form F-3, including the Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement (incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-100661)).
- (B)
- 1.1 Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Registrant, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Form F-3 (File No. 333-100661)).
  - 1.2 Resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Registrant or an authorized Committee thereof providing for the issuance of Non-cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series M (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's report on Form 6-K filed with the Commission on August 25, 2004).
  - 2.1 Form of bearer share warrant for Category II Non-cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series M (incorporated by reference

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to the Registrant's report on Form 6-K filed with the Commission on August 25, 2004).

- 2.2 Form of American Depositary Receipt, Series M, evidencing American Depositary Shares, Series M, representing Category II Non-cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series M (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's report on Form 6-K filed with the Commission on August 25, 2004).
- 2.3 Form of Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement among the Registrant, The Bank of New York and all holders from time to time of American Depositary Receipts issued thereunder, including the form of American Depositary Receipt (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-6 (File No. 333-11490)).

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement or amendment hereto to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND  
GROUP plc  
(Registrant)

By:           /s/ Hew Campbell          

Name: Hew Campbell  
Title: Deputy Secretary

Date: August 25, 2004

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