

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC
Form 6-K
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

For February 4, 2015

Commission File Number: 001-10306

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

RBS, Gogarburn, PO Box 1000
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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This report on Form 6-K shall be deemed incorporated by reference into the company's Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File Nos. 333-184147 and 333-184147-01) and to be a part thereof from the date which it was filed, to the

extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

RBS notes credit ratings downgrade by S&P

4 February 2015

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ("RBS") notes the decision by Standard & Poor's Rating Services ("S&P") to:

Downgrade the long term credit rating of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc by two notches
Improve the credit rating outlook of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc to stable from negative

Downgrade the short term rating of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc by one notch

Place the long-term ratings of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc and certain of its affiliates on CreditWatch with negative implications.

This action is not specific to RBS but reflects S&P's view that extraordinary government support is now unlikely in the case of U.K. non- operating bank holding companies, and is likely to become less predictable for bank operating companies in the U.K. under newly enacted legislation that fully implemented the bail-in rules enshrined in the EU's Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive with effect from 1 January 2015.

RBS welcomes S&P's decision to improve its long term outlook for The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc to stable from negative. This action reflects S&P's view that RBS has made strong progress over the past 12-18 months in executing its restructuring plan.

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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: February 4, 2015

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