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Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. 22 dated October 9, 2012 (to: Prospectus dated September 28, 2012 and

Prospectus Supplement dated September 28, 2012)

| | Aggregate | | | | | | | | | 1st | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------|-------|
| CUSIP / ISIN | Principal | Price to | Selling | Net | Coupor | Coupon | Coupon | Maturity | 1st Coupon | Coupon | Survi |
| Number | Amount | Public | Commission | Proceeds | Type | Rate | Frequency | / Date | Date | Amount | Opt |
| | | | | | | 2.20% | | | | | |
| 78012DAX1 / | | | | | | per | | | | | |
| US78012DAX12 | 2 \$ | 100.00% | 6 1.50% | \$ | FIXED | annum ' | MONTHL' | Y 10/15/201 | 711/15/2012 | \$1.65 | N |

Redemption Information: Non-Callable/Non-Puttable

Lead Manager and Lead Agent: RBS Securities

Inc.

Offering Dates: 10/09/2012

through 10/15/2012

Trade Date: 10/15/2012

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

Settlement Date: 10/18/2012

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.

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

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc Retail Corporate Notes

Prospectus dated September 28, 2012

and Prospectus Supplement dated September 28, 2012

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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.