

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC
Form 6-K
June 09, 2015

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 June 9, 2015

Commission File Number: 001-10306

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

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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(File Nos. 333-203157 and 333-203157-01) and to be a part thereof from the date which it was filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

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RBS notes credit ratings action by S&P

9 June 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 counterparty credit rating of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc and certain of its subsidiaries by one notch;

downgrade the long-term counterparty credit rating of Ulster Bank Limited and Ulster Bank Ireland Limited by one notch;

affirm the short-term rating of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc and certain of its subsidiaries; and
move the ratings of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc and certain of its subsidiaries to Outlook Stable from Credit Watch Negative.

S&P summary credit rating actions:

| Entity | Long-term credit rating | Outlook | Short term rating |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| The Royal Bank of Scotland plc | One notch downgrade | Stable | Affirmed |
| National Westminster Bank plc | One notch downgrade | Stable | Affirmed |
| The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. | One notch downgrade | Stable | Affirmed |
| RBS Securities Inc. | One notch downgrade | Stable | Affirmed |
| Ulster Bank Limited | One notch downgrade | Stable | Affirmed |
| Ulster Bank Ireland Limited | One notch downgrade | Stable | Affirmed |

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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: June 9, 2015 By: /s/ Alan Ewing Mills
Name: Alan Ewing Mills
Title: Assistant Secretary