

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC

Form 6-K

December 30, 2011

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

December 30, 2011

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The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

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Scotland  
United Kingdom

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes ☐ o

No ☒ x

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-  
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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. 333-162219 and 333-162219-01) 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extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The registrant is filing the following opinions of counsel solely for incorporation into its Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File Nos. 333-162219 and 333-162219-01):

- 5.1 Opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, U.S. counsel to the Issuer and the Guarantor, with respect to the validity of the Securities under New York law.
  - 5.2 Opinion of Dundas & Wilson CS LLP, Scottish counsel to the Issuer and the Guarantor with respect to the Securities, as to certain matters under Scots law.
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SIGNATURE

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)

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| By:    | /s/ Michael Nelskyla |                      |
| Name:  |                      | Michael Nelskyla     |
| Title: |                      | Authorized Signatory |

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