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The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ("RBS"), Fortis and Santander (collectively "the Banks") are today publishing offer documentation and formally launching their offer for ABN AMRO.

These documents include a prospectus for the proposed issue of new RBS ordinary shares (the "Prospectus") and a circular to shareholders giving notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting (the "Circular"). Due to regulatory requirements, the Prospectus and Circular contain a profit estimate for the financial results of RBS for the first six months of 2007, as set out below.

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RBS's interim results for the six months to 30 June 2007 are expected to reflect good organic growth in income, disciplined expense control, measured investment in faster growing businesses and continued strong credit metrics. Profit before tax, intangibles amortisation and integration costs for the six months to 30 June 2007 is expected to be not less than £5,000 million. Adjusted earnings per share before intangibles amortisation and integration costs is expected to exceed 37 pence per RBS Ordinary Share based on an effective tax rate of 26%. The effective tax rate reflects an underlying rate of 29% adjusted to record the full effect (£160 million) on deferred tax of the change in the UK corporation tax rate in the first half of 2007.

The profit estimate has been made in respect of profit before tax, intangibles amortisation and integration costs rather than in respect of profit after tax, as RBS considers this measure provides more meaningful information to shareholders and allows for greater comparability with prior years. The profit estimate is based on the management accounts for the five months to 31 May 2007 and the preliminary results for the month of June 2007.

This profit estimate is consistent with the guidance RBS provided in its trading statement of 5 June 2007.

RBS will announce its interim results for the six months to 30 June 2007 on 3 August 2007.

Important information

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