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Securities issued by, and guarantees of securities granted by, RBS N.V.: Expected Part VII Scheme

On 19 April 2011, the Boards of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (RBSG), The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (RBS plc), RBS Holdings N.V. and The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (RBS N.V.) announced that they had approved the proposed transfers of a substantial part of the business activities of RBS N.V. to RBS plc (the "Proposed Transfers"), subject, amongst other matters, to regulatory and other approvals, further tax and other analysis in respect of the assets and liabilities to be transferred and employee consultation procedures: http://www.investors.rbs.com/RBS_NV.

It was also announced that it was expected that the Proposed Transfers would be implemented on a phased basis over a period ending 31 December 2013 and that a large part of the Proposed Transfers including the transfers of certain securities issued by RBS N.V. (formerly known as ABN AMRO Bank N.V.) was expected to have taken place by the end of 2012. Where available and practicable, statutory transfer schemes will be used to implement the Proposed Transfers. It is expected that these will include a banking business transfer scheme in respect of eligible business carried on in the UK by RBS N.V. pursuant to Part VII of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, which is subject, amongst other matters, to court and regulatory approvals (the "Part VII Scheme").

RBS plc and RBS N.V. announce that they have, subject to the Disclaimer set out below, today published details of those securities issued by RBS N.V. which are eligible for the Part VII Scheme, indicating whether or not RBS plc is expected to become the issuer pursuant to the Part VII Scheme (subject to the relevant securities not having been exercised, redeemed or repurchased and cancelled prior to the implementation of the Part VII Scheme). For the securities in respect of which RBS plc is not expected to become the issuer pursuant to the Part VII Scheme, the expectation is that RBS N.V. will remain their issuer and RBS plc will not become their issuer pursuant to the Proposed Transfers generally. Details can be viewed at http://www.investors.rbs.com/RBS_NV. Subject to the Disclaimer set out below, such information on the website is up-to-date as at the date there indicated and investors should refer to the website from time to time for updated information.

From or around the date of this announcement, RBS N.V. will include provisions in the issue or offer documents (including term sheets) for any new issues of securities which are eligible for the Part VII Scheme to indicate whether or not RBS plc is expected to become the issuer of those securities as a result of the Part VII Scheme (subject to the relevant securities not having been exercised, redeemed or repurchased and cancelled prior to the implementation of the Part VII Scheme). If the issue or offer documents (including term sheets) for such securities do not indicate that RBS plc is expected to become the issuer of those securities as a result of the Part VII Scheme, the expectation is that RBS N.V. will remain the issuer of such securities and that RBS plc will not become the issuer of such securities pursuant to the Proposed Transfers generally.

The Part VII Scheme, if implemented, will be the first step in the process of the Proposed Transfers. RBS N.V. will announce details of the further steps in this process, including details of any other securities issued by RBS N.V. which are not eligible for the Part VII Scheme but in respect of which RBS plc may become the issuer, nearer to their implementation.

In respect of guarantees granted by RBS N.V. in relation to securities issued by third parties (the "Guaranteed Securities") where the guarantees are eligible for the Part VII Scheme, RBS plc is not expected to become the guarantor of such Guaranteed Securities pursuant to the Part VII Scheme.

There is no requirement for investors in RBS N.V. securities or Guaranteed Securities to take any action now. Any action required in connection with the Proposed Transfers will be communicated in a timely way with a view to ensuring a smooth transition.

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