

Notification to Investors

Details of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 Part VII Scheme in respect of IPED securities issued, and IPED deposits accepted, by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

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On 19 February 2014, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ('**RBS plc**') announced that an agreement had been reached with BNP Paribas S.A., acting through its London branch ('**BNP Paribas**') for the disposal of certain assets and liabilities related to RBS plc's structured retail investor products and equity derivatives ('**IPED**') business, as well as associated market-making activities (the '**Proposed Transaction**'), subject to competition approval.

It was announced that as part of the Proposed Transaction, where available, statutory transfer schemes would be used to effect a legal transfer of eligible transactions (including securities) to BNP Paribas or one of its affiliates. In particular, it was announced that RBS plc and BNP Paribas would work together with the aim of implementing a banking business transfer scheme pursuant to Part VII of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the '**Part VII Scheme**').

RBS plc has today presented a petition with BNP Paribas to the Court of Session in Scotland (the '**Court**') for an order under Part VII of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to sanction the Part VII Scheme.

If the Court sanctions the Part VII Scheme the effect will be that the relevant assets and liabilities will transfer to BNP Paribas or one of its affiliates on the date that the approved Part VII Scheme takes effect (or on an agreed subsequent date).

RBS plc has also today published details of those securities issued, and deposits accepted, by RBS plc which form part of RBS plc's IPED business and are expected to be transferred to BNP Paribas or one of its affiliates pursuant to the Part VII Scheme, if implemented (subject to the relevant securities not having been exercised, redeemed or repurchased and cancelled, and the relevant deposits not having been repaid, prior to the implementation of the Part VII Scheme). Implementation of the Part VII Scheme is subject, amongst other matters, to court and regulatory approvals.

Details and further information of the relevant securities and structured deposits which are expected to transfer can be viewed at <http://investors.rbs.com/FSMA-transfer-IPED/>. A set of 'frequently asked questions' in relation to the Part VII Scheme is or will shortly be also available on the website.

There is no requirement for you to take any action now. The daily operation and support for your business will continue to operate as it does now. You may continue to deal, and conduct business, with your local RBS plc and BNP Paribas teams as at present.

Should you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact your regular contact person for RBS products or write to Pieter-Reinier Maat, Global Head of IPED Client Management, The Royal Bank of Scotland, 135 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 3UR, UK.

For the structured deposits in respect of which BNP Paribas or one of its affiliates is not expected to become the deposit taker pursuant to the Part VII Scheme, RBS plc will remain their deposit taker.

For the securities in respect of which BNP Paribas or one of its affiliates is not expected to become the issuer pursuant to the Part VII Scheme, RBS plc will remain their issuer.

The Part VII Scheme will not lead to any change in the formulae used in terms and conditions/final terms/pricing supplements to determine an interest or principal payment.

RBS plc will communicate further information in due course. Any action required in connection with the transfers of the securities and deposits will be communicated to clients in a timely way.

Attention is drawn to the regulatory news service announcement which was circulated as of the date of, and which is included with, this notification.

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ANNEX – Regulatory News Service Announcement

Details of IPED securities issued, and IPED deposits accepted, by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc which are expected to transfer under a Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 Part VII Scheme

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RBS plc announces that it has, subject to the disclaimer set out below, today published details of those securities issued, and deposits accepted, by RBS plc which are expected to transfer to BNP Paribas or one of its affiliates (which will therefore become the relevant 'issuer' or 'deposit taker') pursuant to the Part VII Scheme, if implemented (subject to the relevant securities not having been exercised, redeemed or repurchased and cancelled, and the deposits not having been repaid, prior to the implementation of the Part VII Scheme). Implementation of the Part VII Scheme is subject, amongst other matters, to court and regulatory approvals.

RBS plc also announces that it has today presented a petition with BNP Paribas to the Court of Session in Scotland for an order under Part VII of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to sanction the Part VII Scheme.

For any securities and deposits which are not expected to transfer pursuant to the Part VII Scheme (should it proceed), RBS plc will remain their issuer and deposit taker, respectively. Details can be viewed at <http://investors.rbs.com/FSMA-transfer-IPED/>. 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. A set of 'frequently asked questions' in relation to the Part VII Scheme is or will shortly be also available on the website.

There is no requirement for investors in RBS plc securities or deposits to take any action now. Any action required in connection with the Proposed Transaction (including the Part VII Scheme, should it proceed) will continue to be communicated in a timely way with a view to ensuring a smooth transition.

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Disclaimer

No person should place any reliance on the information referred to in this announcement concerning securities or deposits which are or are not expected to transfer, or any other details of the Part VII Scheme, in connection with making an investment decision or for any other purpose and should be aware that there is no guarantee that the Part VII Scheme will proceed. Changes to the current proposals (including, without limitation, to the identity of the securities or the deposits which may transfer, the eventual manner in which the securities or the deposits may transfer, the timing pursuant to which such securities or such deposits may transfer or any other details of the Part VII Scheme) may be made if required, or if determined by RBS plc or BNP Paribas (in their absolute discretion) to be desirable for commercial or other reasons.

Accordingly, nothing in this announcement should be taken as (or is) a representation that the RBS plc securities or deposits will transfer, whether in the manner described in this announcement, or at all. Investors should refer to <http://investors.rbs.com/FSMA-transfer-IPED/> for information as to which securities and which deposits may transfer as a result of the Part VII Scheme (such information being up-to-date as at the date there indicated). For the avoidance of doubt, this announcement has been prepared and circulated solely for information purposes and does not constitute an offer to any person. If you are in any doubt as to whether there is any tax or other impact on you as a result of the Proposed Transaction (including the Part VII Scheme), please discuss such matters with your advisers.

Cautionary Statement

Certain statements found in this announcement may constitute 'forward-looking statements' as defined in the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such 'forward-looking statements' reflect management's current views with respect to certain future events and financial performance and include any statement that does not directly relate to any historical or current fact. Words such as 'anticipate,' 'believe,' 'expect,' 'estimate,' 'forecast,' 'intend,' 'plan,' 'project' and similar expressions which indicate future events and trends may identify 'forward-looking statements'. In particular, this announcement includes forward-looking statements relating, but not limited, to the Proposed Transaction (including the Part VII Scheme). Such statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections and are subject to various risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or implied in the 'forward-looking statements'.

Certain 'forward-looking statements' are based upon current assumptions of future events which may not prove to be accurate. Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those estimated by the forward-looking statements contained in this announcement include, but are not limited to: the ability to complete the Part VII Scheme on a timely basis; regulatory or legal changes in the United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands, the United States and any other countries in which The Royal Bank of Scotland group and the BNP Paribas group operate; changes in UK and foreign laws, regulations, accounting standards and taxes, including changes in regulatory capital regulations and liquidity requirements; and the success of RBS plc or BNP Paribas in managing the risks involved in the foregoing.

Undue reliance should not be placed on 'forward-looking statements' as such statements speak only as of the date of this announcement. RBS plc does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement contained herein to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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