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**LaunchPAD Programme**

**Supplementary Prospectus dated 14 October 2013**

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**THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD  
PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES**



**THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC**

*(incorporated in Scotland with limited liability under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1980,  
registered number SC090312)  
(the “Issuer” and “RBS”)*

**The Royal Bank of Scotland plc**

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*(the “Programme”)*

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- 1** This supplement dated 14 October 2013 (this “**Supplement**”) constitutes the third supplement to the base prospectus dated 21 June 2013 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Notes approved by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*, the “**AFM**”) on 21 June 2013 (the “**Base Prospectus**”).
- 2** The Base Prospectus was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including Directive 2010/73/EU) (the “**Prospectus Directive**”) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to the Base Prospectus for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).
- 3** This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, the Base Prospectus and any other supplements thereto issued by the Issuer. Terms defined in the Base Prospectus have the same meanings when used in this Supplement.
- 4** In accordance with Article 5:23(6) of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*), investors who have agreed to purchase or subscribe for securities issued under the Base Prospectus before this Supplement is published have the right, exercisable before the end of the period of two working days beginning with the working day after the date on which this Supplement was published, to withdraw their acceptances.

- 5 The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.
- 6 By virtue of this Supplement, the following shall be inserted at the end of the sub-section of the Base Prospectus entitled “Recent Developments”, in the section entitled “General Information”:

**“RBSG strikes pre-IPO deal for Williams & Glyn’s**

RBSG has agreed a £600 million pre-IPO investment in its Williams & Glyn's business (formerly known as “Project Rainbow”) - which centres around 314 branches in the UK - with a consortium of investors led by global financial services specialists Corsair Capital and Centerbridge Partners.

In addition to Corsair and Centerbridge, the consortium includes the Church Commissioners for England and RIT Capital Partners plc (together, the “Investors”).

As a condition of the State Aid received by RBSG, the RBS Group was required to divest 308 RBS branches in England and Wales and 6 NatWest branches in Scotland, with the associated retail and SME customers, direct SME customers and a portfolio of mid-corporate customers. The business serves nearly 1.7 million customers, currently employs around 4,500 people and in the future will employ approximately 6,000 people. It has a broad national footprint and a £19.7 billion loan book, funded by £22.2 billion in customer deposits.

RBSG will work with HM Treasury and the European Commission to agree an extension to the timetable for the disposal of Williams & Glyn's in due course.

Following completion of the operational and legal separation of the business into a standalone bank to be branded Williams & Glyn's, an exercise that is already well underway, RBSG will pursue an Initial Public Offering (“IPO”). The pre-IPO investment announced on 27 September 2013 takes the form of a £600 million bond to be issued by RBSG, which will be exchangeable for a significant minority interest in Williams & Glyn's at the time of its IPO. The bond will convert into Williams & Glyn's shares at the IPO price, subject to a minimum ownership level which will be linked to the tangible book value of Williams & Glyn's prior to the IPO, and in any case no more than a stake of 49%. To the extent the maximum ownership level is reached, the bond will be partially redeemed in cash such that the Investors will receive a total value of £600 million of cash and shares at the IPO price. At the IPO, subject to RBSG's consent, the Investors will have the option to acquire up to 10 per cent. additionally at the IPO price, subject to their pro forma ownership being no more than 49 per cent. in aggregate.

The subscription for the bond will be satisfied by way of a cash payment from the Investors. RBSG's Markets division is providing a £270 million secured financing package to the Investors for the investment.

The transaction is subject to necessary regulatory closing conditions including approvals from the European Commission in relation to the timing for satisfaction of RBSG's related State Aid commitments.”.

- 7 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectus and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail [investor.relations@rbs.com](mailto:investor.relations@rbs.com).

- 8** To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement and (b) any other statement in the Base Prospectus or any previous supplement to the Base Prospectus, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
- 9** Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to any of the Base Prospectus or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectus (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the Base Prospectus.

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