

BASE PROSPECTUS DATED 20 DECEMBER 2011



The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.

(incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam)

€20,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

Arranger

The Royal Bank of Scotland

This Base Prospectus constitutes, when read together with the Registration Document (as defined in the section "*Documents incorporated by reference*" under (b) on page 21 below), a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (the "Prospectus Directive"). This Base Prospectus is issued in replacement of a Base Prospectus dated 6 July 2010 (as supplemented by supplements to that Base Prospectus dated 1 September 2010 and 1 December 2010 respectively) and, accordingly, supersedes that earlier Base Prospectus (as so supplemented).

The contents of this Base Prospectus are not intended to contain and should not be regarded as containing advice relating to legal, taxation, investment or any other matters and prospective investors are recommended to consult their own professional advisers for any advice concerning the acquisition, holding or disposal of any Notes (as defined below).

Before making an investment decision with respect to any Notes, prospective investors should carefully consider all of the information set out in this Base Prospectus and any accompanying documents, as well as their own personal circumstances. Prospective investors should have regard to, among other matters, the considerations described under the section headed “Risk Factors” in this Base Prospectus. This Base Prospectus does not describe all of the risks of an investment in the Notes.

An investment in the Notes is only suitable for investors who (either alone or in conjunction with an appropriate financial or other adviser) are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses that may result therefrom.

The full terms and conditions of each Tranche of Notes can be reviewed by reading the master Terms and Conditions as set out in full in this Base Prospectus in the section headed “Terms and Conditions of the Notes”, which constitute the basis of all Notes to be offered under this €20,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the “Programme”), together with the Final Terms (as defined below) applicable to the relevant issue of Notes, which applies and/or disappplies, supplements and/or amends the master Terms and Conditions in the manner required to reflect the particular terms and conditions applicable to the relevant Series of Notes (or Tranche thereof).

Under the Programme, The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the “Issuer”, which expression shall include any Substituted Debtor (as defined in Condition 15 below)) may from time to time issue Medium Term Notes (the “Notes”) denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (as defined below), if any.

The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Notes from time to time outstanding under the Programme will not exceed €20,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Programme Agreement described herein), subject to increase as described herein.

Subject as set out herein, the Notes will not be subject to any maximum maturity but will have a minimum maturity of one month.

The Notes will be issued on a continuing basis to one or more of the Dealers specified under “Summary of the Programme – Dealers” and any additional Dealer appointed in respect of Notes under the Programme from time to time, which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis (each a “Dealer” and together the “Dealers”). The Dealer or Dealers with whom the Issuer agrees or proposes to agree on the issue of any Notes is or are referred to as the “relevant Dealer(s)” in respect of those Notes.

The Notes of each Tranche (as defined below) will (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) initially be represented by a Temporary Global Note (as defined below) which will be deposited on the issue date thereof with a common depository on behalf of Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (“Euroclear”) and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (“Clearstream, Luxembourg”) and/or any other agreed clearing system. See “Form of the Notes”.

This Base Prospectus was approved by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (the “AFM”) for purposes of the Prospectus Directive on 20 December 2011. The AFM has provided the Financial Services Authority in its capacity as competent authority under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “UK Listing Authority”) with a certificate of approval attesting that this Base Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive. Application has been made to the UK Listing

Authority for Notes issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Offering Circular to be admitted to the official list of the UK Listing Authority (the "Official List") and to the London Stock Exchange plc (the "London Stock Exchange") for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market.

References in this Offering Circular to Notes being "listed" (and all related references) shall mean that such Notes have been admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market and have been admitted to the Official List. The London Stock Exchange's regulated market is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC (the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive).

The Issuer may agree with the relevant Dealer that Notes may be issued in a form not contemplated by the Terms and Conditions of the Notes herein, in which case a supplementary prospectus, if required, will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Notes.

Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes, interest (if any) payable in respect of Notes, the issue price of Notes and any other terms and conditions not contained herein which are applicable to each Tranche of Notes (as defined under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*") will be set forth in a final terms document (the "Final Terms") which, with respect to Notes to be listed on the London Stock Exchange will be delivered to the UK Listing Authority and the London Stock Exchange. There can be no assurance that the Notes offered as described in this Base Prospectus will be sold or that there will be a secondary market for the Notes. See "Risk Factors" below.

This Base Prospectus, which (save as described below) is to be read in conjunction with all documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference (see "Documents Incorporated by Reference"), has been prepared for use in connection with the Programme.

Subject as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the only persons authorised to use this Base Prospectus in connection with an offer of Notes are the persons named in the applicable Final Terms as the relevant Dealer or the Managers and the persons named in or identifiable following the applicable Final Terms as the Financial Intermediaries, as the case may be.

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Base Prospectus, the applicable Final Terms or any document incorporated by reference herein or therein, or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Arranger or any Dealer.

This Base Prospectus does not, and is not intended to, constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Notes by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Arranger or any Dealer in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorised or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction.

Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer, the Arranger or any Dealer that any recipient of this Base Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme should purchase any Notes. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made by the Arranger or any Dealer in their capacity as such. Each investor contemplating purchasing any Notes should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer.

Neither the delivery of this Base Prospectus nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Notes shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning the Issuer is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the

Notes is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Arranger and any Dealer expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the Programme. Investors should review, *inter alia*, the most recent financial statements of RBS Holdings N.V. (previously named ABN AMRO Holding N.V.) when deciding whether or not to purchase any Notes.

The Issuer, the Arranger and any Dealer do not represent that this Base Prospectus may be lawfully distributed, or that Notes may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction. In particular, no action has been taken by the Issuer, the Arranger or any Dealer appointed under the Programme which is intended to permit a public offering of the Notes or distribution of this document in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, the Notes may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Base Prospectus, together with its attachments, nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction where such distribution and/or publication would be prohibited and each Dealer (if any) will be required to represent that all offers and sales by it will be made on these terms.

The distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offer or sale of Notes may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus or any Notes come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions. See "Subscription and Sale" below.

This Base Prospectus has been prepared on the basis that, except to the extent sub-paragraph (ii) below may apply, any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of Notes which are the subject of an offering contemplated in this Base Prospectus as completed by final terms in relation to the offer of those Notes may only do so (i) in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer, or (ii) if a prospectus for such offer has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State and (in either case) published, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by final terms which specify that offers may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State and such offer is made in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified for such purpose in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable, and the Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purpose of such offer. Except to the extent sub-paragraph (ii) above may apply, neither the Issuer nor any Dealer have authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer. The expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression "2010 PD Amending Directive" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Notes, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in the applicable Final Terms may over-allot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of a Stabilising Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of Notes is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of Notes and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Notes. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be

conducted by the relevant Stabilising Manager(s) (or person(s) acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

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SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

This summary must be read as an introduction to this Base Prospectus and any decision to invest in any Notes should be based on a consideration of this Base Prospectus as a whole, including the documents incorporated by reference. Following the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Prospectus Directive in each Member State of the European Economic Area (an “EEA State”) no civil liability will attach to the Issuer in any such Member State in respect of this Summary, including any translation hereof, unless it is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of this Base Prospectus. Where a claim relating to information contained in this Base Prospectus is brought before a court in an EEA State, the plaintiff may, under the national legislation of the EEA State where the claim is brought, be required to bear the costs of translating the Base Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated.

Words and expressions defined in “Form of the Notes” and “Terms and Conditions of the Notes” below, respectively, shall have the same meanings in this summary.

Issuer: The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (previously named ABN AMRO Bank N.V.) (the “Issuer” or “RBS N.V.”)

History and development: RBS N.V. is a public limited liability company incorporated under Dutch law on 7 February 1825. RBS N.V. is registered in the TradeRegister of Amsterdam under number 33002587. RBS N.V.’s registered office is at Gustav Mahlerlaan 350, 1082 ME Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

RBS N.V. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of RBS Holdings N.V. (previously named ABN AMRO Holding N.V.) (“RBS Holdings”), which is a public limited liability company incorporated under Dutch law on 30 May 1990. The registered office of RBS Holdings is at Gustav Mahlerlaan 350, 1082 ME Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

RBS Holdings has one subsidiary, RBS N.V., and RBS N.V. has various subsidiaries.

As used herein, the “Group” refers to RBS Holdings and its consolidated subsidiaries. The term “RBSG” refers to The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc and the “RBSG Group” refers to RBSG and its subsidiaries consolidated in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The term “RBS” refers to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc.

Overview: The Issuer is a bank licensed and regulated by the Dutch Central Bank (*De Nederlandsche Bank*).

The Issuer operates on a significant scale across Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA), the Americas and Asia.

The Group had total consolidated assets of €206.7 billion as at 30 June 2011. As at 30 June 2011, the Group’s Tier 1 and Core Tier 1 capital ratios were 9.6 per cent. and 7.4 per cent., respectively.

The Group had total assets of €200.4 billion and owner’s equity of €4.95 billion as at 31 December 2010. As at 31 December 2010, the

Group's capital ratios were a total capital ratio of 15.8 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 8.7 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 11.0 per cent.

RBS Holdings and RBS N.V. form part of the RBSG Group. RBSG is the holding company of a large global banking and financial services group. Headquartered in Edinburgh, the RBSG Group operates in the United Kingdom, the United States and internationally through its three principal subsidiaries, RBS, National Westminster Bank Public Limited Company ("NatWest") and RBS N.V.. Both RBS and NatWest are major United Kingdom clearing banks. In the United States, the RBSG Group's subsidiary Citizens is a large commercial banking organisation. Globally, the Group has a diversified customer base and provides a wide range of products and services to personal, commercial and large corporate and institutional customers.

The RBSG Group had total assets of £1,453.6 billion and owners' equity of £75.1 billion as at 31 December 2010. As at 31 December 2010, the RBSG Group's capital ratios were a total capital ratio of 14.0 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 10.7 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 12.9 per cent.

The RBSG Group had total assets of £1,446.0 billion and owners' equity of £74.7 billion as at 30 June 2011. As at 30 June 2011, the RBSG Group's capital ratios were a total capital ratio of 14.4 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 11.1 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 13.5 per cent.

Group Organisational Structure:

The Group comprises of the following four segments:

- Global Banking & Markets ("GBM"): The GBM segment represents the business providing an extensive range of debt and equity financing, risk management and investment services as a leading banking partner to major corporations and financial institutions around the world. The GBM business within the Group is organised along four principal business lines: Global Lending, Equities, Short Term Markets & Funding, and Local Markets.
- Global Transaction Services ("GTS"): GTS provides global transaction services, offering Global Trade Finance, Transaction Banking and International Cash Management.
- Central Items: The Central Items segment includes group and corporate functions, such as treasury, capital management and finance, risk management, legal, communications and human resources. Central Items manages the Group's capital resources, statutory and regulatory obligations and provides services to the branch network.
- Non-Core Segment: The Non-Core segment contains a range of businesses and asset portfolios managed separately that the Group intends to run off or dispose of, in line with the RBSG Group strategy for Non-Core assets. It also includes the remaining assets and liabilities in RBS N.V. that have not yet been sold, wound

down or alternatively transferred by the Consortium Members (as defined below), in which each of the Consortium Members has a joint and indirect interest.

Global Banking & Markets, Global Transaction Services and Central Items comprise the Group's Core segments.

These RBS N.V. businesses are part of global business units of the RBSG Group that operate across multiple legal entities. The strategy of RBS N.V. is part of the overall business strategy of the RBSG Group. RBS Holdings has been restructured into Core and Non-Core components. The RBSG Group expects to substantially run down or dispose of the businesses, assets and portfolios within the Non-Core division by 2013 and has completed the sale of businesses in Latin America, Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

Separation from the ABN AMRO group:

On 17 October 2007, RFS Holdings B.V. ("RFS Holdings"), which at the time was owned by RBSG, Fortis N.V., Fortis S.A./N.V., Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V. and Banco Santander, S.A. ("Santander"), completed the acquisition of ABN AMRO Holding N.V., which was renamed RBS Holdings N.V. on 1 April 2010 when the shares in ABN AMRO Bank N.V. were transferred to ABN AMRO Group N.V., a holding company for the interests of the State of The Netherlands (the "Dutch State"). This marked a substantial completion of the restructuring of the activities of ABN AMRO Holding N.V. in accordance with the agreement between RBSG, the Dutch State and Santander (the "Consortium Members"). RBS Holdings has one direct subsidiary, RBS N.V., a fully operational bank within the Group, which is independently rated and regulated by the Dutch Central Bank.

On 31 December 2010, the share capital of RFS Holdings was amended, such that approximately 98 per cent. of RFS Holdings' issued share capital is now held by RBSG, with the remainder being held by Santander and the Dutch State. Ultimately it is expected that RFS Holdings will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of RBSG.

Proposed transfer of activities:

On 19 April 2011, the boards of RBSG, RBS, RBS Holdings and RBS N.V. approved the proposed transfers of a substantial part of the business activities of RBS N.V. to RBS (the "Proposed Transfers"), subject, among 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. It is expected that the Proposed Transfers will be implemented on a phased basis over a period ending 31 December 2013. A large part of the Proposed Transfers (including the transfers of certain securities issued by RBS N.V.) is expected to have taken place by the end of 2012.

On 22 July 2011, RBS and RBS N.V. announced that they presented a petition to the Court of Session in Scotland (the "Court") on 21 July 2011 for an order under Part VII of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to sanction a banking business transfer scheme in respect of eligible business carried on by RBS N.V. pursuant to Part VII of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "Part VII Scheme"). On 23 September 2011, RBS and RBS N.V. announced that

the Court had approved an order under Part VII of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to sanction the Part VII Scheme. The Part VII Scheme, as approved by the Court, took effect at 00:01hrs on 17 October 2011.

Risk Factors:	There are certain factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. These are set out under "Risk Factors" in the Registration Document. In addition, there are certain factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme, see "Risk Factors" in this Base Prospectus.
Description:	Euro Medium Term Note Programme.
Arranger:	The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.
Dealers:	The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. and any other Dealers appointed in respect of the Notes in accordance with the Programme Agreement
Regulatory Matters:	Each issue of Notes denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time (see "Subscription and Sale" below).
Issuing and Principal Paying Agent:	The Bank of New York Mellon
Programme Size:	Up to €20,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Programme Agreement) outstanding at any time. The Issuer may increase the amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Programme Agreement.
Distribution:	Notes may be distributed by way of private or public placement and in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis. The method of distribution of each Tranche will be stated in the applicable Final Terms.
Currencies:	Subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, such currencies as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (if any), including, without limitation, Australian dollars, Canadian dollars, euro, Hong Kong dollars, New Zealand dollars, Sterling, Swiss francs, United States dollars and Japanese yen.
Maturities:	Any maturity, subject to applicable laws, regulations and restrictions and subject to a minimum maturity of one month.
Issue Price:	Notes may be issued on a fully-paid or a partly-paid basis and at any issue price which is at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par.
Form of Notes:	Each Tranche of Notes will be in either NGN or CGN form and will (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) initially be represented by a Temporary Global Note which will be deposited on the relevant Issue Date either with, in the case of CGNs, a common

depository or, in the case of NGNs, a common safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other agreed clearing system. The Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable as described therein for either a Permanent Global Note (as defined herein) or definitive Notes only on the occurrence of an exchange event as described therein. A Permanent Global Note is exchangeable for definitive Notes only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event, all as described in “Form of the Notes” below. Any interest in a global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other agreed clearing system.

Fixed Rate Notes:

Fixed interest will be payable on the date or dates specified in the applicable Final Terms and on redemption, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).

Floating Rate Notes:

Floating Rate Notes will bear interest either at a rate determined on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest-rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series) or on the basis of a reference rate appearing on the agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service or on such other basis as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).

The Margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Index Linked Notes:

Payments in respect of interest on Index Linked Interest Notes or in respect of principal on Index Linked Redemption Notes will be calculated by reference to such index and/or formula as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Other provisions in relation to Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes:

Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes may also have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate or both.

Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes in respect of each Interest Period, as agreed prior to issue by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (if any), will be payable on such Interest Payment Dates, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction, as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (if any) (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).

Dual Currency Notes:

Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Notes will be made in such currencies, and based on such rates of exchange, as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Zero Coupon Notes:

Zero Coupon Notes will be offered and sold at a discount to their

nominal amount or at par and will not bear interest other than in the case of late payment.

Structured Notes: The Issuer may from time to time issue Structured Notes. Structured Notes may include Notes whose returns are linked to interest rates, inflation rates, foreign exchange rates or other matters.

Redemption: The applicable Final Terms will indicate either that the Notes cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than in specified instalments (see below), if applicable, or for taxation reasons or following an Event of Default) or that such Notes will be redeemable at the option of the Issuer and/or the Noteholders upon giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' irrevocable notice (or such other notice period (if any) as is indicated in the applicable Final Terms) to the Noteholders or the Issuer, as the case may be, on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such terms as are indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

The applicable Final Terms may provide that Notes may be repayable in two or more instalments of such amounts and on such dates as indicated in it.

Denomination of Notes: Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be such as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency.

Taxation: Payments in respect of the Notes will as specified in the applicable Final Terms be made either subject to withholding of applicable Dutch taxes (if any) or without withholding or deduction for or on account of taxes levied in The Netherlands as provided in Condition 6. If the applicable Final Terms provides that payments are to be made subject to withholding of applicable Dutch taxes (if any), it will also specify that Condition 5(b) will not apply to the Notes.

Negative Pledge: None.

Cross Default: None.

Status of the Notes: The Notes will constitute unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer save for those preferred by mandatory provisions of law.

Listing and admission to trading: Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market.

The Notes may also be listed on such other or further stock exchange or stock exchanges as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (if any) in relation to each issue. Unlisted Notes may also be

issued. The applicable Final Terms will state whether or not the Notes are to be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, and, if so, on which exchanges and/or markets.

Substitution of the Issuer:

The Issuer may without any further consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders be replaced and substituted by RBS or any entity other than RBS as issuer of the Notes and the relative Receipts and Coupons subject to the conditions set out in Condition 15.

Governing Law:

The Notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of The Netherlands.

Selling Restrictions:

There are selling restrictions in relation to the United States, the European Economic Area (including the United Kingdom, The Netherlands, the Republic of Italy and France) and such other restrictions as may be required in connection with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche of Notes. See “Subscription and Sale” below.

RISK FACTORS

The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. Most of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuer is not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.

In addition, factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme are also described below.

The Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Notes issued under the Programme, but the inability of the Issuer to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes may occur for other reasons and the Issuer does not represent that the statements below regarding the risks of holding any Notes are exhaustive. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Base Prospectus and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.

Before making an investment decision with respect to any Notes, prospective investors should consult their own stockbroker, bank manager, lawyer, accountant or other financial, legal and tax advisers and carefully review the risks entailed by an investment in the Notes and consider such an investment decision in the light of the prospective investor's personal circumstances.

Words and expressions defined in the sections headed "Form of the Notes" and "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" below shall have the same meaning in this section.

Factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme

Each potential investor in the Notes should refer to the Risk Factors section of the Registration Document for a description of those factors which may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme.

Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme

The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors

Each potential investor in the Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Notes and the impact the Notes will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Notes, including Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;

- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (v) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

Some Notes are complex financial instruments. Sophisticated institutional investors generally do not purchase complex financial instruments as stand-alone investments. They purchase complex financial instruments as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured, appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios. A potential investor should not invest in Notes which are complex financial instruments unless it has the expertise (either alone or with a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Notes will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of the Notes and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes

A wide range of Notes may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Notes may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors. Set out below is a description of the most common such features:

Notes subject to optional redemption by the Issuer

An optional redemption feature of Notes is likely to limit their market value. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period.

The Issuer may be expected to redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

Index Linked Notes and Dual Currency Notes

The Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest determined by reference to an index or formula, to changes in the prices of securities or commodities, to movements in currency exchange rates or other factors (each, a "Relevant Factor"). In addition, the Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies which may be different from the currency in which the Notes are denominated. Prospective investors should be aware that with respect to Notes with principal or interest determined by reference to a Relevant Factor and Dual Currency Notes:

- (i) the market price of such Notes may be very volatile;
- (ii) they may receive no interest;
- (iii) payment of principal or interest may occur at a different time or in a different currency than expected or not at all;
- (iv) the amount of principal payable at redemption may be less than the nominal amount of such Notes or even zero;

- (v) a Relevant Factor may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in interest rates, currencies or other indices;
- (vi) if a Relevant Factor is applied to Notes in conjunction with a multiplier greater than one or contains some other leverage factor, the effect of changes in the Relevant Factor on principal or interest payable likely will be magnified; and
- (vii) the timing of changes in a Relevant Factor may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations. In general, the earlier the change in the Relevant Factor, the greater the effect on yield.

The historical experience of an index should not be viewed as an indication of the future performance of such index during the term of such index or other Relevant Factor during the term of any Notes with principal or interest determined by reference to such Relevant Factor. Accordingly, potential investors should consult their own financial and legal advisers about the risks entailed by an investment in any Index Linked Notes and the suitability of such Notes in light of their particular circumstances.

Partly-paid Notes

The Issuer may issue Notes where the issue price is payable in more than one instalment. Failure to pay any subsequent instalment could result in an investor losing all of his investment.

Variable Rate Notes with a multiplier or other leverage factor

Notes with variable interest rates can be volatile investments. If they are structured to include multipliers or other leverage factors, or caps or floors, or any combination of those features or other similar related, their market values may be even more volatile than those for securities that do not include those features.

Inverse Floating Rate Notes

Inverse Floating Rate Notes have an interest rate equal to a fixed rate minus a rate based upon a reference rate such as LIBOR. The market values of those Notes typically are more volatile than market values of other conventional floating rate debt securities based on the same reference rate (and with otherwise comparable terms). Inverse Floating Rate Notes are more volatile because an increase in the reference rate not only decreases the interest rate of the Notes, but may also reflect an increase in prevailing interest rates, which further adversely affects the market value of these Notes.

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that the Issuer may elect to convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. The Issuer's ability to convert the interest rate will affect the secondary market and the market value of the Notes since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Notes. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Notes.

Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount or premium from their principal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional

interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

Risks related to Notes generally

Set out below is a brief description of certain risks relating to the Notes generally:

Modification, waivers and substitution

The conditions of the Notes contain provisions for calling meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Noteholders including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

The conditions of the Notes also provide that the Agent may, without the consent of Noteholders, agree to (i) any modification (not being a modification requiring the approval of a meeting of Noteholders) of any of the provisions of Notes which is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders or (ii) any modification of the Notes which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error or to comply with mandatory provisions of law or (iii) the substitution of another company as principal debtor under any Notes in place of the Issuer, in the circumstances described in Condition 15 of the conditions of the Notes.

EU Savings Directive

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income, Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State or to certain limited types of entities established in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

On 15 September 2008 the European Commission issued a report to the Council of the European Union on the operation of the Directive, which included the Commission's advice on the need for changes to the Directive. On 13 November 2008 the European Commission published a more detailed proposal for amendments to the Directive, which included a number of suggested changes. The European Parliament approved an amended version of this proposal on 24 April 2009. If any of those proposed changes are made in relation to the Directive, they may amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the Issuer nor any Paying Agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Note as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. The Issuer is required to maintain a Paying Agent in a Member State that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Directive.

Tax consequences of holding the Notes

Potential investors should consider the tax consequences of investing in the Notes and consult their tax adviser about their own tax situation. See also "Taxation".

Notes held in global form

The Notes will initially be held by a common depositary or common safekeeper, as the case may be, on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, in each case in the form of a global Note which will be exchangeable for definitive Notes in limited circumstances as more fully described in the section headed “Form of the Notes” below. For as long as any Notes are represented by a global Note held by a common depositary or common safekeeper, as the case may be, on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amounts on a global Note will be made through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as the case may be) against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of the relevant global Note and, in the case of a Temporary Global Note, certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership. The bearer of the relevant global Note, being the common depositary or common safekeeper, as the case may be, for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, shall be treated by the Issuer and any Paying Agent as the sole holder of the relevant Notes represented by such global Note with respect to the payment of principal, interest (if any) and any other amounts payable in respect of the Notes.

Notes which are represented by a global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg

Base Prospectus to be read together with applicable Final Terms

The terms and conditions of the Notes included in this Base Prospectus apply to the different types of Notes which may be issued under the Programme. The full terms and conditions applicable to each Tranche of Notes can be reviewed by reading the master Terms and Conditions as set out in full in this Base Prospectus in the section headed “Terms and Conditions of the Notes”, which constitute the basis of all Notes to be offered under the Programme, together with the relevant Final Terms which applies and/or disappplies, supplements and/or amends the master Terms and Conditions of the Programme in the manner required to reflect the particular terms and conditions applicable to the relevant Series of Notes (or Tranche thereof). Copies of the legal documentation relating to the Programme and copies of the Final Terms relating to each issue of Notes are available for inspection as described in “General Information” below.

Change of law and jurisdiction

The conditions of the Notes are based on Dutch law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible change to Dutch law or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus.

Prospective investors should note that the courts of the Netherlands shall have jurisdiction in respect of any disputes involving any Series of Notes. Noteholders may take any suit, action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Notes against the Issuer in any court of competent jurisdiction. The laws of the Netherlands may be materially different from the equivalent law in the home jurisdiction of prospective investors in its application to the Notes.

Definitive Notes where denominations involve integral multiples

In relation to any issue of Notes which have denominations consisting of a minimum Specified Denomination plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that such Notes may be traded in amounts that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time may not receive a definitive Note in respect of such holding (should definitive Notes be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination.

If definitive Notes are issued, holders should be aware that definitive Notes which have a denomination that is not an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination may be illiquid and difficult to trade.

Risks related to the market generally

Set out below is a brief description of the principal market risks, including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk, which may be relevant to an investment in any Notes:

The secondary market generally

Notes may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be very liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for Notes that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of Notes generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities. Illiquidity may have a severely adverse effect on the market value of Notes.

Exchange rate risks and exchange controls

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the "Investor's Currency") other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (1) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (2) the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (3) the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Notes.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

Interest rate risks

Investment in Fixed Rate Notes involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate Notes.

Credit ratings may not reflect all risks

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Notes. The ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

Return on an investment in Notes will be affected by charges incurred by investors

An investor's total return on an investment in any Notes will be affected by the level of fees charged by any nominee service provider through which it holds its Notes and/or clearing system used by the investor. Such a person or institution may charge fees for the opening and operation of an investment account, transfers of Notes, custody services and on payments of interest, principal and other amounts.

Potential investors are therefore advised to investigate the basis on which any such fees will be charged on the relevant Notes.

Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (1) Notes are legal investments for it, (2) Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (3) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Responsibility Statement

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Base Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Documents incorporated by reference

The following documents which have previously been published or are published simultaneously with this Base Prospectus and have been filed with the AFM shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Base Prospectus:

- (a) the Articles of Association (*statuten*) of the Issuer as in force and effect on the date of this Base Prospectus;
- (b) the registration document in respect of RBS Holdings N.V. and The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. dated 31 August 2011 prepared in accordance with Article 5(3) of the Prospectus Directive (the “Registration Document”) excluding:

- (i) the sentence “Subject to regulatory approval and provided the Court makes an order sanctioning the Part VII Scheme, it is expected that the Part VII Scheme will become effective on 17 October 2011 or such other date as RBS and RBS N.V. may agree in writing.” contained in the section headed “Proposed transfers of a substantial part of the business activities of The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc” on page 21 of the Registration Document, which shall, for the purposes of being incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus, be deemed to be deleted and replaced with the following:

“On 23 September 2011, RBS and RBS N.V. announced that the Court had approved an order under Part VII of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to sanction the Part VII Scheme. The Part VII Scheme, as approved by the Court, took effect at 00:01hrs on 17 October 2011.”;

- (ii) the section headed “Independent Commission on Banking” on pages 24 and 25 of the Registration Document which shall, for the purposes of being incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus, be deemed to be deleted and replaced with the following:

“Independent Commission on Banking

On 16 June 2010, HM Treasury published the terms of reference for the UK Government’s Independent Commission on Banking (“ICB”). The ICB was mandated to formulate policy recommendations with a view to: (i) reducing systemic risk in the banking sector, exploring the risk posed by banks of different size, scale and function; (ii) mitigating moral hazard in the banking system; (iii) reducing the likelihood and impact of a bank’s failure; and (iv) promoting competition in retail and investment banking with a view to ensuring that the needs of banks’ customers are served efficiently and considering the extent to which large banks can gain competitive advantage from being perceived as “too big to fail”.

Following an interim report published on 11 April 2011, the ICB published its final report to the Cabinet Committee on Banking Reform on 12 September 2011 (the “Final Report”). The

Final Report makes a number of recommendations, including in relation to (i) the implementation of a ring-fence of retail banking operations, (ii) loss-absorbency (including bail-in) and (iii) competition. The ICB has recommended 2019 as the final deadline for the implementation of its recommendations. The RBSG Group will continue to participate in the debate and to consult with the UK Government on the implementation of the recommendations set out in the Final Report, the effects of which could have a negative impact on the Group's consolidated net assets, operating results or cash flows in any particular period.”; and

- (iii) the section headed “No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change” on page 39 of the Registration Document which shall, for the purposes of being incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus, be deemed to be deleted and replaced with the following:

“No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change

Save in relation to the matters referred to on page 21 of the Registration Document under the item headed "Proposed transfers of a substantial part of the business activities of The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc"¹, there has been no significant change in the trading or financial position of the Group taken as a whole since 30 June 2011 (the end of the last financial period for which either audited financial information or interim financial information has been published).

Save in relation to (i) matters referred to on pages 42 to 43 of the RBS Holdings N.V. Interim Results, relating to the Group's exposure to Greek sovereign debt, in respect of which the Group has made provision for therein; (ii) the effect on revenues of Global Banking and Markets of the current subdued operating environment (see pages 43-45 of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc “Interim Management Statement Q3 2011” for the third quarter ended 30 September 2011 published on 4 November 2011; and (iii) the matters referred to on page 21 of the Registration Document under the item headed "Proposed transfers of a substantial part of the business activities of The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc"², there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Group taken as a whole since 31 December 2010 (the last date to which the latest audited published financial information of the Group was prepared).”

- (c) the RBS Holdings N.V. Annual Report 2010 (the “2010 Annual Report”) (excluding the section headed “Business Review — Risk Factors” on page 9 and the section headed “Additional Information — Risk Factors” on pages 221 to 231) which includes the audited consolidated annual financial statements of RBS Holdings as at and for the year ended 31 December 2010 (prepared in accordance with IFRS). The audited consolidated annual financial statements of RBS Holdings appear on pages 96 to 193 of the 2010 Annual Report and the auditor's report thereon appears on page 199 of the 2010 Annual Report;
- (d) the ABN AMRO Holding N.V. Annual Report 2009 (the “2009 Annual Report”) (excluding the section headed “Risk Factors” on pages 61 to 68) which includes the audited consolidated annual financial statements of ABN AMRO Holding N.V. (now renamed RBS Holdings N.V.) as at and for the year ended 31 December 2009 (prepared in accordance with IFRS). The audited consolidated annual financial statements of ABN AMRO Holding N.V. appear on pages 82 to 235 of the 2009 Annual Report and the auditor's report thereon appears on pages 193 to 197 of the 2009 Annual Report;

¹ Note to reader: as amended pursuant to paragraph (b) (i) above

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- (e) the following sections of the 2010 Annual Report and Accounts of RBSG, which were published by RBSG on 17 March 2011:
- (i) Independent auditor's report on page 267;
 - (ii) Consolidated income statement on page 268;
 - (iii) Consolidated statement of comprehensive income on page 269;
 - (iv) Balance sheets as at 31st December 2010 on page 270;
 - (v) Statements of changes in equity on pages 271 to 273;
 - (vi) Cash flow statements on page 274;
 - (vii) Accounting policies on pages 275 to 286;
 - (viii) Notes on the accounts on pages 287 to 385;
 - (ix) Essential reading – We have met, and in some cases exceeded, the targets for the second year of our Strategic Plan on page 1;
 - (x) Chairman's statement on pages 2 to 3;
 - (xi) Group Chief Executive's review on pages 4 to 5;
 - (xii) Our key targets on page 7;
 - (xiii) Our business and our strategy on pages 10 to 19;
 - (xiv) Divisional review on pages 21 to 41;
 - (xv) Business review on pages 50 to 224;
 - (xvi) Report of the Directors on pages 230 to 234;
 - (xvii) Corporate governance on pages 235 to 245;
 - (xviii) Letter from the Chair of the Remuneration Committee on pages 246 to 247;
 - (xix) Directors' remuneration report on pages 248 to 263;
 - (xx) Directors' interests in shares on page 264;
 - (xxi) Financial Summary on pages 387 to 395;
 - (xxii) Exchange rates on page 395;
 - (xxiii) Economic and monetary environment on page 396;
 - (xxiv) Supervision on page 397;
 - (xxv) Regulatory developments and reviews on pages 398 to 399;
 - (xxvi) Description of property and equipment on page 399;

- (xxvii) Major shareholders on page 399;
 - (xxviii) Material contracts on pages 399 to 404; and
 - (xxix) Glossary of terms on pages 434 to 439;
- (f) the following sections of the 2009 Annual Report and Accounts of RBSG, which were published by RBSG on 18 March 2010:
- (i) Independent auditors' report on page 240;
 - (ii) Consolidated income statement on page 241;
 - (iii) Consolidated statement of comprehensive income on page 242;
 - (iv) Balance sheets as at 31st December 2009 on page 243;
 - (v) Statements of changes in equity on pages 244 to 246;
 - (vi) Cash flow statements on page 247;
 - (vii) Accounting policies on pages 248 to 258;
 - (viii) Notes on the accounts on pages 259 to 348;
 - (ix) What we have achieved on page 1 (excluding the financial information on that page which is indicated as being "pro forma");
 - (x) Chairman's statement on pages 2 to 3;
 - (xi) Group Chief Executive's review on pages 4 to 6;
 - (xii) Our strategic plan and progress on pages 12 to 19;
 - (xiii) Divisional review on pages 20 to 41;
 - (xiv) Business review on pages 49 to 85 and pages 108 to 206 (excluding the financial information on pages 72 to 85 and pages 108 to 116 which is indicated as being "pro forma");
 - (xv) Report of the Directors on pages 208 to 213;
 - (xvi) Corporate governance on pages 214 to 222;
 - (xvii) Letter from the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee on pages 223 to 224;
 - (xviii) Directors' remuneration report on pages 225 to 236;
 - (xix) Directors' interests in shares on page 237;
 - (xx) Impairment review on pages 302 to 303;
 - (xxi) Financial Summary on pages 350 to 359;
 - (xxii) Exchange rates on page 359;

- (xxiii) Economic and monetary environment on page 360;
 - (xxiv) Supervision on page 361;
 - (xxv) Regulatory developments and reviews on pages 361 to 362;
 - (xxvi) Description of property and equipment on pages 362 to 363;
 - (xxvii) Major shareholders on page 363;
 - (xxviii) Material contracts on pages 363 to 369; and
 - (xxix) Glossary of terms on pages 383 to 387;
- (g) The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc unaudited interim results for the half year ended 30 June 2011 published on 5 August 2011;
- (h) The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc “Interim Management Statement Q3 2011” for the third quarter ended 30 September 2011 published on 4 November 2011;
- (i) the section headed “Risk Factors” on pages 3 to 25 of the registration document (the “RBSG Registration Document”) dated 5 August 2011 of RBSG, excluding the risk factor entitled “The Independent Commission on Banking is reviewing competition in the UK banking industry and possible structural reforms. The outcomes of this review could have a material adverse effect on the interests of the Group.” on pages 4 and 5 of the RBSG Registration Document which shall, for the purposes of being incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus, be deemed to be deleted and replaced with the following:
- “The Independent Commission on Banking has published its final report on competition and possible structural reforms in the UK banking industry. The implementation of the recommendations included in the final report could have a material adverse effect on the Group.**
- The Independent Commission on Banking (the “ICB”) was appointed by the UK Government in June 2010 to review possible structural measures to reform the UK banking system in order to promote, amongst other things, stability and competition. The ICB published its final report to the Cabinet Committee on Banking Reform on 12 September 2011 (the “Final Report”) which sets out the ICB’s views on possible reforms to improve stability and competition in UK banking. The Final Report makes a number of recommendations, including in relation to (i) the implementation of a ring-fence of retail banking operations, (ii) loss-absorbency (including bail-in) and (iii) competition. The ICB has recommended 2019 as the final deadline for the implementation of its recommendations. The Group will continue to participate in the debate and to consult with the UK Government on the implementation of the recommendations set out in the Final Report, the effects of which could materially adversely affect the Group’s structure, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.”;
- (j) the press release entitled “Proposed transfers of a substantial part of the business activities of RBS N.V. to RBS plc” published by RBSG on 19 April 2011;
- (k) the press release entitled “Details of Part VII Scheme – Securities issued by, and guarantees granted by, RBS N.V.” published by RBSG on 22 July 2011;
- (l) the RBS Holdings N.V. unaudited Interim Results for the half year ended 30 June 2011; and

- (m) the Terms and Conditions of the Notes contained in previous Base Prospectuses dated 17 July 2006, pages 36 to 56 (inclusive); dated 20 July 2007, pages 50 to 71 (inclusive); dated 18 July 2008, pages 59 to 83 (inclusive); and dated 6 July 2010, pages 57 to 81 (inclusive) prepared by the Issuer in connection with the Programme.

The Issuer will provide, without charge, upon request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents which are incorporated herein by reference. Requests for such documents should be directed to the Issuer at: 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.

The Issuer will, in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in this Base Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Notes, prepare a supplement to this Base Prospectus or publish a new prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Notes.

If the terms of this Programme are modified or amended in a manner which would make this Base Prospectus inaccurate or misleading, a new prospectus will be prepared.

This Base Prospectus and any supplement will only be valid for listing Notes on the London Stock Exchange or any other exchange during the period of 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus.

SETTLEMENT, CLEARANCE AND CUSTODY

The following is a summary of the settlement, clearance and custody arrangements for the Notes.

The Issuer shall not be liable for the failure of (a) Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg to pay any accountholder, and (b) any accountholder to pay the ultimate investors on whose behalf they act as nominee or custodian (whether via an Intermediary or otherwise), once payment has been made by, or on behalf of, the Issuer to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg. See the section headed “Risk Factors” above.

Holding of the Notes through a clearing system: Settlement and clearance of the Notes within Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg

The Notes of each Series are to be held through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, two large international clearing systems for securities.

Clearstream, Luxembourg: Clearstream, Luxembourg has advised that it is incorporated under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as a professional depository. As a professional depository, Clearstream, Luxembourg is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Commission for the Supervision of the Financial Sector (CSSF).

Euroclear: Euroclear has advised that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for its participants and to settle transactions between its participants. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (the “Euroclear Operator”), under contract with Euroclear Clearance Systems S.C., a Belgian cooperative corporation. All operations are conducted by the Euroclear Operator and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator. Euroclear has advised that it is licensed by the Belgian Banking and Finance Commission to carry out banking activities on a global basis. As a Belgian bank, it is regulated and examined by the Belgian Banking Commission. Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System, and applicable Belgian law (collectively, the “Terms”). The Terms govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Terms only on behalf of Euroclear participants, and has no record of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear participants.

Custodial and depository links have been established with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to facilitate the initial issue and settlement of the Notes and cross-market transfers of the Notes associated with secondary trading. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each holds securities for participating organisations and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between their respective participants through electronic book-entry changes in the accounts of such participants, eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Interests in Notes will be held through financial institutions as direct and indirect participants in Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg. Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and every other intermediate holder in the chain to the ultimate economic ownership of book-entry interests in the global Notes, will be responsible for establishing and maintaining accounts for their participants and customers having interests in the book-entry interests in the relevant Notes.

The Issuer will not impose any fees in respect of the Notes. Prospective investors should note, however, that they may be required to bear certain fees and charges for custodial, nominee, transfer and clearing services charged by the relevant Clearing System(s) and/or any intermediaries for the holding, transfer or redemption of the Notes. Prospective investors in Notes should contact any relevant intermediaries for further details of these fees and charges.

Selling the Notes: Trading in Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg

Secondary market sales of book-entry interests in the global Notes will be conducted in accordance with the normal rules and operating procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are under no obligation to perform or to continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued at any time. None of the Issuer, the Arranger, any Dealer or the Agent will have any responsibility for the performance by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or their respective direct or indirect participants or accountholders of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

Holding and selling the Notes through a clearing system other than Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg

Secondary market sales of interests in the global Notes may be conducted in accordance with the normal rules and operating procedures of the domestic clearing system or interests in the global Notes may be transferred to a direct or indirect participant of another clearing system in accordance with the standard arrangements for such cross-market transfers. None of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg nor any other Clearing System is under any obligation to perform or to continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued at any time. None of the Issuer, the Arranger, the relevant Dealer or the Agent will have any responsibility for the performance by Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg any other clearing or settlements system or their respective direct or indirect participants or accountholders of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

Custody arrangements

Since the global Notes will be deposited with a common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, and primary settlement and clearance facilities will be provided by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, investors in the Notes must make arrangements for their Notes to be held in custody with an accountholder (or indirect accountholder) of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be. For these purposes, an indirect accountholder of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg may include an accountholder of another Clearing System in respect of which arrangements have been made for the clearance of Notes of the relevant Series. Consequently, prospective investors in the Notes must have, or open, an investment account with an intermediary which is an accountholder of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as the case may be) or another Clearing System in respect of which arrangements have been made to settle and clear the Notes. Intermediaries may charge a fee for the opening and operation of an investment account. The fees charged by one intermediary may differ from those charged by another intermediary and prospective investors should contact any intermediaries they may appoint directly for such information. Most banks and securities dealers in major financial centres worldwide maintain, or have access to, an account with, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as the case may be) through which Notes may be held or transferred following issue.

Investment account and other nominee or custodian arrangements with respect to the Notes will be supplied by the intermediaries subject to their standard terms and conditions for the provision of such services. None of the Issuer, the Arranger or the relevant Dealer accept responsibility for the provision of such services or for the consequences of, or arising from, the use of such investment account or custody or nominee services.

FORM OF THE NOTES

Each Tranche of Notes will (unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms) be initially represented by a temporary global note (the “Temporary Global Note”) (or, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, a permanent global note (the “Permanent Global Note”)), without receipts, interest coupons or talons, which in either case, will:

- (i) if the Global Notes are intended to be issued in new global note (“NGN”) form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common safekeeper (the “Common Safekeeper”) for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg; and
- (ii) if the Global Notes are not intended to be issued in NGN Form, be delivered to a common depository (the “Common Depository”) for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other agreed clearing system.

Whilst any Note is represented by a Temporary Global Note and subject to TEFRA D selling restrictions, payments of principal and interest (if any) due prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made (against presentation of the Temporary Global Note if the Temporary Global Note is not intended to be issued in NGN form) only to the extent that certification (in a form to be provided) to the effect that the beneficial owners of such Note are not U.S. persons or persons who have purchased for resale to any U.S. person, as required by U.S. Treasury regulations, has been received by the relevant clearing system(s) and the relevant clearing system(s) have given a like certification (based on the certifications they have received) to the Agent. Any reference in this section to the relevant clearing system(s) shall mean the clearing and/or settlement system(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms.

On and after the date (the “Exchange Date”) which is not less than 40 days after the date on which the Temporary Global Note is issued, interests in the Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), upon request as described therein, either for interests in a Permanent Global Note without receipts, interest coupons or talons or for definitive Notes (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) in each case (if the Notes are subject to TEFRA D selling restrictions) against certification of beneficial ownership as described in the second sentence of the preceding paragraph. The holder of a Temporary Global Note will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest or principal due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification, exchange of the Temporary Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Global Note or for Definitive Notes is improperly withheld or refused.

Pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined under “Terms and Conditions of the Notes” below) the Agent shall arrange that, where a Temporary Global Note representing a further Tranche of Notes is issued, the Notes of such Tranche shall be assigned an ISIN and a common code by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg which are different from the ISIN and common code assigned to Notes of any other Tranche of the same Series until at least the expiry of the distribution compliance period (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) applicable to the Notes of such Tranche.

Payments of principal and interest (if any) on a Permanent Global Note will be made through the relevant clearing system(s) (against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of the relevant Permanent Global Note if the Permanent Global Note is not intended to be issued in NGN form) without any requirement for certification. Definitive Notes will be in the standard euromarket form. Definitive Notes and global Notes will be to bearer.

A Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole in accordance with the applicable Final Terms, for security printed definitive Notes with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons or coupon sheets and talons attached. Such exchange may be made only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. An “Exchange Event” means (1) the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and

Clearstream, Luxembourg has been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or has announced an intention permanently to cease business or has in fact done so and no successor clearing system is available or (2) the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided for or referred to in Condition 6 which would not be required were the Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note in definitive form. The Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event any holder of an interest in the global Note may give notice to the Agent requesting exchange and in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (2) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur no later than 15 days after the date on which the relevant notice is received by the Agent. Global Notes and definitive Notes will be issued pursuant to the Agency Agreement.

The following legend will appear on all global Notes, definitive Notes, receipts and interest coupons (including talons) which are subject to TEFRA D selling restrictions:

“Any United States person who holds this obligation will be subject to limitations under the United States income tax laws, including the limitations provided in sections 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”

The sections referred to provide that United States holders, with certain exceptions, will not be entitled to deduct any loss on Notes, receipts or interest coupons and will not be entitled to capital gains treatment of any gain on any sale, disposition, redemption or payment of principal in respect of Notes, receipts or interest coupons.

A Note may be accelerated by the holder thereof in certain circumstances described in Condition 8 of the Notes. In such circumstances, where any Note is still represented by a global Note and a holder of such Note so represented and credited to his account with the relevant clearing system(s) gives notice that it wishes to accelerate such Note, unless within a period of 15 days payment has been made in full of the amount due in accordance with the terms of such global Note, holders of interests in such global Note credited to their accounts with the relevant clearing system(s) will become entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer on the basis of statements of account provided by the relevant clearing system(s) on and subject to the terms of the relevant global Note.

Form of Final Terms

Set out below is the form of Final Terms which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme with a denomination of less than EUR 100,000 (or its equivalent in another currency).

The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.
(incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam)

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes] (the “Notes”)

under the €20,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

[The Base Prospectus referred to below (as completed by these Final Terms) has been prepared on the basis that, except as provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) (each, a “Relevant Member State”) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer of the Notes may only do so:

- (i) in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer; or
- (ii) in those Public Offer Jurisdictions mentioned in Paragraph 35 of Part A below, provided such person is one of the persons mentioned in Paragraph 35 of Part A below and that such offer is made during the Offer Period specified for such purpose therein.

Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in any other circumstances.

The expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression “2010 PD Amending Directive” means Directive 2010/73/EU].³

[The Base Prospectus referred to below (as completed by these Final Terms) has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) (each, a “Relevant Member State”) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of the Notes may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in any other circumstances.

The expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression “2010 PD Amending Directive” means Directive 2010/73/EU].⁴

³ Consider including this legend where a non-exempt offer of Notes is anticipated.

⁴ Consider including this legend where only an exempt offer of Notes is anticipated.

PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the “Conditions”) set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 20 December 2011 [and the supplemental prospectus dated [date]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC, the “Prospectus Directive”) as amended (which includes the amendments made by Directive 2010/73/EU (the “2010 PD Amending Directive”) to the extent that such amendments have been implemented in a Member State). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus [as so supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus [as so supplemented]. The Base Prospectus [and the supplemental prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing at http://www.investors.rbs.com/RBS_NV and during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer at Gustav Mahlerlaan 350, 1082 ME Amsterdam, The Netherlands and copies may be obtained from the Issuer at that address.

[The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a Base Prospectus or Prospectus with an earlier date. In the event the Base Prospectus or Prospectus with an earlier date was not approved for the purpose of the Prospectus Directive (as defined below), the Issuer shall publish a supplement to the current Base Prospectus in respect of this increase and such supplement shall be approved by the relevant listing or other competent authority prior to publication.]

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the “Conditions”) set forth in the Base Prospectus dated [original date]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the securities described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC, the “Prospectus Directive”) as amended (which includes the amendments made by Directive 2010/73/EU (the “2010 PD Amending Directive”) to the extent that such amendments have been implemented in a Member State) and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated 20 December 2011 [and the supplemental prospectus dated [date]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the Base Prospectus dated [original date] and are attached hereto. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the securities is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus dated 20 December 2011 [as so supplemented], save for the conditions therein, which are replaced by the Conditions and attached hereto. Copies of such documents are available for viewing at http://www.investors.rbs.com/RBS_NV and during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer, currently at Gustav Mahlerlaan 350, 1082 ME Amsterdam, The Netherlands and copies may be obtained from the Issuer at that address.]

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as “Not Applicable” (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if “Not Applicable” is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-paragraphs. Italics denote directions for completing the Final Terms.]

[When adding any other final terms or information consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]

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| 1. | Issuer: | The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. |
| 2. | (i) Series Number: | [] |
| | (ii) Tranche Number: | [] |

(If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Notes become fungible)

3. Specified Currency or Currencies: []
4. Aggregate Nominal Amount:
- Tranche: []
- Series: []
5. Issue Price of Tranche: [] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (in the case of fungible issues only, if applicable)]
6. (a) Specified Denominations: []
- (N.B. Notes issued after the implementation of the 2010 PD Amending Directive in a Member State must have a minimum denomination of EUR 100,000 (or equivalent) in order to benefit from the wholesale exemption set out in Article 3.2(d) of the Prospectus Directive in that Member State.)*
- (N.B. If an issue of Notes is (i) NOT admitted to trading on an European Economic Area exchange; and (ii) only offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is not required to be published under the Prospectus Directive the €[1,000] minimum denomination is not required.)*
- (b) Calculation Amount *(If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination.*
- If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. Note: There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)*
7. (i) Issue Date: []
- (ii) Interest Commencement Date: []
- (N.B. An Interest Commencement Date will not be relevant for certain Notes, for example Zero Coupon Notes.)*
8. Maturity Date: [Fixed rate – specify date/Floating rate – Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [specify month and year]]
9. Interest Basis: [[] per cent. Fixed Rate]
[[LIBOR/EURIBOR/other] +/- [] per cent. Floating Rate]
[Dual Currency Interest]

[Zero Coupon]
[Index Linked Interest]
[specify other]
(further particulars specified below)

10. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par]
[Index Linked Redemption]
[Dual Currency Redemption]
[Instalment]
[specify other]

(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)

11. Change of Interest Basis or Redemption/ Payment Basis: [Specify details of any provision for change of Notes into another Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis]

12. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]
[Issuer Call]
[(further particulars specified below)]

13. Status of the Notes: Senior

14. Method of distribution: [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

15. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)

- (i) Rate(s) of Interest: [] per cent. per annum [payable [annually/semi-annually/quarterly/other (specify)]] in arrear]

(If payable other than annually, consider amending Condition 3)

- (ii) Interest Payment Date(s): [] in each year

(NB: This will need to be amended in the case of long or short coupons)

- (iii) Fixed Coupon Amount(s): [] per Calculation Amount

- (iv) Broken Amount(s): [] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] []

- (v) Day Count Fraction: [30/360 or Actual/Actual (ICMA) or specify other]

- (vi) [Determination Date(s): [] in each year

(Insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date

or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon)

NB: This will need to be amended in the case of regular interest payment dates which are not of equal duration

NB: Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA)]

(vii) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes: [None/give details]

16. **Floating Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)

(i) Interest Period(s): []

(ii) First Interest Payment Date: []

(iii) Specified Interest Payment Dates: []

(iv) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/[specify other]]

(v) Business Centre(s): []

(vi) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts is to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination/specify other]

(vii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts (if not the Agent): []

(viii) Screen Rate Determination: [Yes/No]

– Reference Rate: []

(Either LIBOR, EURIBOR or other, although additional information is required if other – including fallback provisions in the Agency Agreement)

– Interest Determination Date(s): []

(Second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than sterling or euro

LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET2 System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR or euro LIBOR)

– Relevant Screen []
Page:

(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend the fallback provisions appropriately)

(ix) ISDA Determination: [Yes/No]

– Floating Rate Option: []

– Designated Maturity: []

– Reset Date: []

(x) Margin(s): [+/-] [] per cent. per annum

(xi) Minimum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum

(xii) Maximum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum

(xiii) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ISDA)
Actual/365 (Fixed)
Actual/365 (Sterling)
Actual/360
30/360
30E/360
30E/360 (ISDA)
Other]
(See Condition 3 for alternatives)

(xiv) Fall back provisions, rounding provisions and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes, if different from those set out in the Conditions: []

17. **Zero Coupon Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)

(i) Accrual Yield: [] per cent. per annum

(ii) Reference Price: []

(iii) Any other formula/basis of []

determining amount payable:

- (iv) Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts and late payment: [Conditions 5(e)(ii) and 5(i) apply/specify other] *(Consider applicable day count fraction if not U.S. dollar denominated)*

18. **Index Linked Interest Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)

(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)

- (i) Index/Formula: [give or annex details]
- (ii) Calculation Agent: [give name (and, if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, address)]
- (iii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest (if not the Calculation Agent) and Interest Amount (if not the Agent): []
- (iv) Provisions for determining Coupon where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula is impossible or impracticable: [need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
- (v) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: []
- (vi) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/specify other]
- (vii) Additional Business Centre(s): []
- (viii) Minimum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (ix) Maximum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (x) Day Count Fraction: []

19. **Dual Currency Interest Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulations will apply.)*
- (i) Rate of Exchange/method of calculating Rate of Exchange: [give or annex details]
- (ii) Party, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due (if not the Agent): []
- (iii) Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable: []
(If applicable, need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions)
- (iv) Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable: []

PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

20. Issuer Call: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix
- (iii) If redeemable in part:
- (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: []
- (b) Maximum Redemption Amount: []
- (iv) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions): []
(N.B. If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the Conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider

the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent)

21. Investor Put: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [] per Calculation Amount/*specify other/see Appendix*
- (iii) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions): []
(N.B. If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the Conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent)
22. Final Redemption Amount of each Note: [[] per Calculation Amount/*specify other/see Appendix*]
(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulations will apply.)
- (i) Index/formula/variable: [Not Applicable/*give or annex details*]
- (ii) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculated by reference to index and/or formula and/or other variable: [Not Applicable/*give or annex details*]
- (iii) Payment date (if other than as set out in the Conditions): [Not Applicable/*specify*]
- (iv) Delivery date: [Not Applicable/*specify*]
23. Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in [] per Calculation Amount/*specify other/see Appendix*)

Condition 5(e):

GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

24. Form of Notes:
- (a) Form: [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]]
- [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date]
- [Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]
- (Ensure that this is consistent with the wording in the "Form of the Notes" section in the Base Prospectus and the Notes themselves.)*
- (b) New Global Note: [Yes][No]
25. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Day: [Not Applicable/give details]
(Note that this paragraph relates to the place of payment and not Interest Period end dates to which sub-paragraphs 16(v) and 18(vii) relate)
26. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature): [Yes/No. *If yes, give details*]
27. Details relating to Instalment Notes including the amount of each instalment (each an "Instalment Amount") and the date on which each payment is to be made (each an "Instalment Date"): [Not Applicable/give details]
28. Other final terms: [Not Applicable/give details]
(When adding any other final terms consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)
- (Consider including a term providing for tax certification if required to enable interest to be paid gross by issuers.)*
29. For the purposes of Condition 12, notices to be published in the Financial Times (generally yes, but [Yes/No]

not for domestic issues):

30. Whether Condition 6(a) of the Notes applies (in which case Condition 5(b) of the Notes will not apply) or whether Condition 6(b) and Condition 5(b) of the Notes apply: [Condition 6(a) applies and Condition 5(b) does not apply/Condition 6(b) and Condition 5(b) apply]

DISTRIBUTION

31. (i) If syndicated, names and addresses of Managers and underwriting commitments: [Not Applicable/give names, addresses and underwriting commitments]
- (Include names and addresses of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis and names and addresses of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or on a “best efforts” basis if such entities are not the same as the Managers.)*
- (ii) Date of Syndication Agreement: []
- (iii) Stabilising Manager(s) (if any): [Not Applicable/give name]
32. If non-syndicated, name and address of relevant Dealer: [Not Applicable/specify name and address of dealer]
33. Total commission and concession: [] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount
34. U.S. Selling Restrictions: [Reg. S Compliance Category; TEFRA D/TEFRA C/TEFRA not applicable]⁵
35. Non exempt Offer: [Not Applicable] [An offer of the Notes may be made by the Managers [and [specify names [and addresses] of other financial intermediaries making non-exempt offers, to the extent known OR consider a generic description of other parties involved in non-exempt offers (e.g. “other parties authorised by the Managers”) or (if relevant) note that other parties may make non-exempt offers in the Public Offer Jurisdictions during the Offer Period, if not known]] (together with the Managers, the **Financial Intermediaries**) other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in [specify relevant Member State(s) - which must be jurisdictions where the Offering Circular and any supplements have been passported (in addition to the jurisdiction where approved and published)] (**Public Offer Jurisdictions**) during the period from [specify date] until [specify date or a formula such as “the Issue Date” or “the date which falls [●] Business Days thereafter”] (**Offer Period**). See further Paragraph 10 of Part B below.

⁵ TEFRA will only apply in respect of issues of Notes with a maturity of more than one year.

(N.B. Consider any local regulatory requirements necessary to be fulfilled so as to be able to make a non-exempt offer in relevant jurisdictions. No such offer should be made in any relevant jurisdiction until those requirements have been met. Non-exempt offers may only be made into jurisdictions in which the base prospectus (and any supplement) has been notified/passported.)

36. Additional selling restrictions: [Not Applicable/give details]

PURPOSE OF FINAL TERMS

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required for issue [and] [public offer in the Public Offer Jurisdictions] [and] [admission to trading on [*specify relevant regulated market and, if relevant, admission to an official list*]] of the Notes described herein] pursuant to the €20,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in these Final Terms is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. *[[Relevant third party information, for example in compliance with Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation in relation to an index or its components]* has been extracted from [*specify source*]. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by [*specify source*], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

Signed on behalf of The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.:

By: _____
Duly authorised

By: _____
Duly authorised

PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

1. **LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING** [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on *[specify relevant regulated market and, if relevant, admission to an official list]* with effect from [].] [Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on *[specify relevant regulated market and, if relevant, admission to an official list]* with effect from [].] [Not Applicable.]

2. **RATINGS**

Ratings:

The Notes to be issued have been rated:

[S & P: []]
[Moody's: []]
[Fitch: []]
[[Other]: []]

[Need to include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has previously been published by the rating provider.]

(The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Notes of the type issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating.)

(A statement should also be made as to whether the rating allocated to the Notes is by (i) a registered rating agency established in the EU; (ii) an unregistered rating agency established outside the EU; (iii) a rating agency established in the EU who is applying to be registered in the EU but is not yet registered; (iv) a third country rating agency that is endorsed by an EU registered rating agency; or (v) a third country rating agency that has not applied to be registered in the EU but is certified in accordance with the CRA Regulation.)

3. **INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE**

[Save for any fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. – *Amend as appropriate if there are other interests*]

[(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]

4. **REASONS FOR THE OFFER; ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES**

[(i) Reasons for the offer: []]

(See [“Use of Proceeds”] wording in Base Prospectus – if reasons for offer different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks will need to include those reasons here.)]

[(ii)] Estimated net proceeds []
[Only include if reasons are set out in [(i) above]

(If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding.)

[(iii)] Estimated total expenses: []
[Include breakdown of expenses]

(If the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies [(i) above is required where the reasons for the offer are different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks and, where such reasons are inserted in [(i), disclosure of net proceeds and total expenses at [(ii)] and [(iii)] above are also required.)

5. **YIELD** *(Fixed Rate Notes only)*

Indication of yield: []

[Calculated as [include details of method of calculation in summary form] on the Issue Date.]

The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.

6. **HISTORIC INTEREST RATES** *(Floating Rate Notes only)*

Details of historic [LIBOR/EURIBOR/other] rates can be obtained from [Reuters].

7. **PERFORMANCE OF INDEX/FORMULA, EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATED RISKS AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING** *(Index-Linked Notes only)*

[If there is a derivative component in the interest or the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

(N.B. The requirements below only apply if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.)

[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the index/formula can be obtained.]

[Where the underlying is an index need to include the name of the index and a description if composed by the Issuer and if the index is not composed by the Issuer need to include details of

where the information about the index can be obtained.]

[Include other information concerning the underlying required by paragraph 4.2 of Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation.]

[(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]

The Issuer [intends to provide post-issuance information [specify what information will be reported and where it can be obtained]] [does not intend to provide post-issuance information].

8. PERFORMANCE OF RATE[S] OF EXCHANGE AND EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT (Dual Currency Notes only)

[If there is a derivative component in the interest or the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

(N.B. The requirement below only applies if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.)

[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the relevant rates can be obtained.]

[(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]

9. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

(i) ISIN Code: []

(ii) Common Code: []

(iii) [Other relevant code:] []

(iv) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/give name(s) and numbers(s)][N.B. If the Notes are designated as NGNs, this must be “Not Applicable”]

(v) Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment

(vi) Names and addresses of initial Paying Agent(s) (if any): []

(vii) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): []

(viii) Intended to be held in a [Yes] [No]

manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility:

[Note that the designation “yes” simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria.]
[include this text if “yes” selected in which case the Notes must be issued in NGN form.]

10. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER

Offer Price:	[Issue Price][specify]
[Conditions to which the offer is subject:]	[Not Applicable/give details]
[Description of the application process:]	[Not Applicable/give details]
[Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application:]	[Not Applicable/give details]
[Description of possibility to reduce subscriptions and manner for refunding excess amount paid by applicants:]	[Not Applicable/give details]
[Details of the method and time limits for paying up and delivering the Notes:]	[Not Applicable/give details]
[Manner in and date on which results of the offer are to be made public:]	[Not Applicable/give details]
[Procedure for exercise of any right of pre-emption, negotiability of subscription rights and treatment of subscription rights not exercised:]	[Not Applicable/give details]
[Categories of potential investors to which the Notes are offered and whether tranche(s) have been reserved for certain countries:]	[Not Applicable/give details]
[Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and the indication whether dealing may begin before notification is	[Not Applicable/give details]

made:]

[Amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser:] [Not Applicable/*give details*]

[Name(s) and address(es), to the extent known to the Issuer, of the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place.] [None/*give details*]

[attach the Conditions extracted from a previous Base Prospectus to these Final Terms if applicable]

Form of Final Terms

Set out below is the form of Final Terms which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme with a denomination of at least EUR 100,000 (or its equivalent in another currency).

The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.
(incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam)

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes] (the “Notes”)

under the €20,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 20 December 2011 [and the supplemental prospectus dated [date]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC, the “Prospectus Directive”) as amended (which includes the amendments made by Directive 2010/73/EU (the “2010 PD Amending Directive”) to the extent that such amendments have been implemented in a Member State). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus [as so supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus [as so supplemented]. The Base Prospectus [and the supplemental prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing at http://www.investors.rbs.com/RBS_NV and during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer at Gustav Mahlerlaan 350, 1082 ME Amsterdam, The Netherlands and copies may be obtained from the Issuer at that address.

[The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a Base Prospectus or Prospectus with an earlier date. In the event the Base Prospectus or Prospectus with an earlier date was not approved for the purpose of the Prospectus Directive (as defined below), the Issuer shall publish a supplement to the current Base Prospectus in respect of this increase and such supplement shall be approved by the relevant listing or other competent authority prior to publication.]

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the “Conditions”) set forth in the Base Prospectus dated [original date]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the securities described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC, the “Prospectus Directive”) as amended (which includes the amendments made by Directive 2010/73/EU (the “2010 PD Amending Directive”) to the extent that such amendments have been implemented in a Member State) and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated 20 December 2011 [and the supplemental prospectus dated [date]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the Base Prospectus dated [original date] and are attached hereto. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the securities is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus dated 20 December 2011 [as so supplemented], save for the conditions therein, which are replaced by the Conditions and attached hereto. Copies of such documents are available for viewing at http://www.investors.rbs.com/RBS_NV and during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer, currently at Gustav Mahlerlaan 350, 1082 ME Amsterdam, The Netherlands and copies may be obtained from the Issuer at that address.]

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as “Not Applicable” (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if “Not Applicable” is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-paragraphs. Italics denote directions for completing the Final Terms.]

[When adding any other final terms or information consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]

1. Issuer: The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.
2. (i) Series Number: []
(ii) Tranche Number: []
(If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Notes become fungible)
3. Specified Currency or Currencies: []
4. Aggregate Nominal Amount:
 - Tranche: []
 - Series: []
5. Issue Price of Tranche: [] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] *(in the case of fungible issues only, if applicable)*]
6. (a) Specified Denominations: []

(N.B. Following the entry into force of the 2010 PD Amending Directive on 31 December 2010, Notes to be admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area with a maturity date which will fall after the implementation date of the 2010 PD Amending Directive in the relevant European Economic Area Member State (which is due to be no later than 1 July 2012) must have a minimum denomination of EUR 100,000 (or equivalent) in order to benefit from Transparency Directive exemptions in respect of wholesale securities. Similarly, Notes issued after the implementation of the 2010 PD Amending Directive in a Member State must have a minimum denomination of EUR 100,000 (or equivalent) in order to benefit from the wholesale exemption set out in Article 3.2(d) of the Prospectus Directive in that Member State.)

(Note – where multiple denominations above [€100,000] or equivalent are being used the following sample wording should be followed:

“[€100,000] and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€199,000]. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [€199,000].”)

(N.B. If an issue of Notes is (i) NOT admitted to trading on an

European Economic Area exchange; and (ii) only offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is not required to be published under the Prospectus Directive the €[100,000] minimum denomination is not required.)

(b) Calculation Amount *(If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination.*

If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. Note: There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)

7. (i) Issue Date: []

(ii) Interest Commencement Date: []

(N.B. An Interest Commencement Date will not be relevant for certain Notes, for example Zero Coupon Notes.)

8. Maturity Date: *[Fixed rate – specify date/Floating rate – Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [specify month and year]]*

9. Interest Basis: [[] per cent. Fixed Rate]
[[LIBOR/EURIBOR/other] +/- [] per cent. Floating Rate]
[Dual Currency Interest]
[Zero Coupon]
[Index Linked Interest]
[specify other]
(further particulars specified below)

10. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par]
[Index Linked Redemption]
[Dual Currency Redemption]
[Instalment]
[specify other]

(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)

11. Change of Interest Basis or Redemption/ Payment Basis: *[Specify details of any provision for change of Notes into another Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis]*

12. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]
[Issuer Call]
[(further particulars specified below)]

13. Status of the Notes: Senior

14. Method of distribution: [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

15. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Rate(s) of Interest: [] per cent. per annum [payable [annually/semi-annually/quarterly/other (*specify*)] in arrear]
(If payable other than annually, consider amending Condition 3)
- (ii) Interest Payment Date(s): [] in each year
(NB: This will need to be amended in the case of long or short coupons)
- (iii) Fixed Coupon Amount(s): [] per Calculation Amount
- (iv) Broken Amount(s): [] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] []
- (v) Day Count Fraction: [30/360 or Actual/Actual (ICMA) or *specify other*]
- (vi) [Determination Date(s): [] in each year
(Insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon)
NB: This will need to be amended in the case of regular interest payment dates which are not of equal duration
NB: Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA)]
- (vii) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes: [None/*give details*]
16. **Floating Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Interest Period(s): []
- (ii) First Interest Payment Date: []
- (iii) Specified Interest Payment Dates: []
- (iv) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day

- Convention/Modified Following Business Day
Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/[specify
other]]
- (v) Business Centre(s): []
- (vi) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts is to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination/specify other]
- (vii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts (if not the Agent): []
- (viii) Screen Rate Determination: [Yes/No]
- Reference Rate: []
- (Either LIBOR, EURIBOR or other, although additional information is required if other – including fallback provisions in the Agency Agreement)*
- Interest Determination Date(s): []
- (Second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET2 System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR or euro LIBOR)*
- Relevant Screen Page: []
- (In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend the fallback provisions appropriately)*
- (ix) ISDA Determination: [Yes/No]
- Floating Rate Option: []
- Designated Maturity: []
- Reset Date: []
- (x) Margin(s): [+/-] [] per cent. per annum
- (xi) Minimum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum

- (xii) Maximum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (xiii) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ISDA)
Actual/365 (Fixed)
Actual/365 (Sterling)
Actual/360
30/360
30E/360
30E/360 (ISDA)
Other]
(See Condition 3 for alternatives)

- (xiv) Fall back provisions, rounding provisions and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes, if different from those set out in the Conditions: []

17. **Zero Coupon Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)

- (i) Accrual Yield: [] per cent. per annum
- (ii) Reference Price: []
- (iii) Any other formula/basis of determining amount payable: []
- (iv) Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts and late payment: [Conditions 5(e)(ii) and 5(i) apply/specify other]
(Consider applicable day count fraction if not U.S. dollar denominated)

18. **Index Linked Interest Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)

- (i) Index/Formula: [give or annex details]
- (ii) Calculation Agent: [give name (and, if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, address)]
- (iii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest []

(if not the Calculation Agent) and Interest Amount (if not the Agent):

- (iv) Provisions for determining Coupon where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula is impossible or impracticable: [*need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions*]
- (v) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: []
- (vi) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/*specify other*]
- (vii) Additional Business Centre(s): []
- (viii) Minimum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (ix) Maximum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (x) Day Count Fraction: []

19. **Dual Currency Interest Note Provisions**

[Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)

(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulations will apply.)

- (i) Rate of Exchange/method of calculating Rate of Exchange: [*give or annex details*]
- (ii) Party, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due (if not the Agent): []
- (iii) Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable: [] [*If applicable, need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions*]
- (iv) Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable: []

PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

20. Issuer Call: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [] per Calculation Amount/*specify other/see Appendix*
- (iii) If redeemable in part:
- (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: []
- (b) Maximum Redemption Amount: []
- (iv) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions): []
(N.B. If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the Conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent)
21. Investor Put: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [] per Calculation Amount/*specify other/see Appendix*
- (iii) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions): []
(N.B. If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the Conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent)
22. Final Redemption Amount of each [[] per Calculation Amount/*specify other/see*

- Note: Appendix]
- (N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulations will apply.)*
- (i) Index/formula/variable: [Not Applicable/give or annex details]
- (ii) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculated by reference to index and/or formula and/or other variable: [Not Applicable/give or annex details]
- (iii) Payment date (if other than as set out in the Conditions): [Not Applicable/specify]
- (iv) Delivery date: [Not Applicable/specify]
23. Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 5(e)): [] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix]

GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

24. Form of Notes:
- (a) Form: [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]
- [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date]
- [Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]
- (Ensure that this is consistent with the wording in the "Form of the Notes" section in the Base Prospectus and the Notes themselves. N.B. The exchange upon notice/at any time options should not be expressed to be applicable if the Specified Denomination of the Notes in paragraph 6 includes language substantially to the following effect: "[€100,000] and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€199,000]." Furthermore, such Specified Denomination construction is not permitted in relation to any issue of Notes which is to be represented on*

issue by a Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes.)

- (b) New Global Note: [Yes][No]
25. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Day: [Not Applicable/give details]
(Note that this paragraph relates to the place of payment and not Interest Period end dates to which sub-paragraphs 16(v) and 18(vii) relate)
26. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature): [Yes/No. If yes, give details]
27. Details relating to Instalment Notes including the amount of each instalment (each an “Instalment Amount”) and the date on which each payment is to be made (each an “Instalment Date”): [Not Applicable/give details]
28. Other final terms: [Not Applicable/give details]
[(When adding any other final terms consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)]
(Consider including a term providing for tax certification if required to enable interest to be paid gross by issuers.)
29. For the purposes of Condition 12, notices to be published in the Financial Times (generally yes, but not for domestic issues): [Yes/No]
30. Whether Condition 6(a) of the Notes applies (in which case Condition 5(b) of the Notes will not apply) or whether Condition 6(b) and Condition 5(b) of the Notes apply: [Condition 6(a) applies and Condition 5(b) does not apply/Condition 6(b) and Condition 5(b) apply]

DISTRIBUTION

31. (i) If syndicated, names of Managers: [Not Applicable/give names]
(If the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, include names of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis and names of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or on a “best

efforts” basis if such entities are not the same as the Managers.)

(ii) Stabilising Manager(s) (if any): [Not Applicable/give name]

(The above is only relevant if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies).

32. If non-syndicated name of relevant Dealer: [Not Applicable/give name]

33. U.S. Selling Restrictions: [Reg. S Compliance Category; TEFRA D/TEFRA C/TEFRA not applicable]⁶

34. Additional selling restrictions: [Not Applicable/give details]

PURPOSE OF FINAL TERMS

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required for issue and admission to trading on [*specify relevant regulated market and, if relevant, admission to an official list*] of the Notes described herein] pursuant to the €20,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in these Final Terms is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. [*Relevant third party information, for example in compliance with Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation in relation to an index or its components*] has been extracted from [*Specify source*]. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by [*Specify source*], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

Signed on behalf of The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.:

By: _____
Duly authorised

By: _____
Duly authorised

⁶ TEFRA will only apply in respect of issues of Notes with a maturity of more than one year.

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- (ii) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: []

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[[Other]: []]

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5. **YIELD** *(Fixed Rate Notes only)*

Indication of yield: []

The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.

6. **PERFORMANCE OF INDEX/FORMULA, EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATED RISKS AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING** *(Index-Linked Notes only)*

[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the index/formula can be obtained.]

[Where the underlying is an index need to include the name of the index and a description if composed by the Issuer and if the index is not composed by the Issuer need to include details of where the information about the index can be obtained.]

[Include other information concerning the underlying required by paragraph 4.2 of Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation.][When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]]

The Issuer [intends to provide post-issuance information [specify what information will be reported and where it can be obtained]] [does not intend to provide post-issuance information].

(N.B. The above applies if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.)

7. **PERFORMANCE OF RATE[S] OF EXCHANGE AND EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT** *(Dual Currency Notes only)*

[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the relevant rates can be obtained.]

(N.B. The above applies if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.)

[(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]

8. **OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

- (i) ISIN Code: []
- (ii) Common Code: []
- (iii) [*Other relevant code:*] []
- (iv) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/give name(s) and numbers(s)][*N.B. If the Notes are designated as NGNs, this must be “Not Applicable”*]
- (v) Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment
- (vi) Names and addresses of initial Paying Agent(s) (if any): []
- (vii) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): []
- (viii) Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility: [Yes] [No]

[Note that the designation “yes” simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria.] [*include this text if “yes” selected in which case the Notes must be issued in NGN form.*]

[attach the Conditions extracted from a previous Base Prospectus to these Final Terms if applicable]

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following are the Terms and Conditions of Notes to be issued by the Issuer which will be incorporated by reference into each global Note and which will be endorsed on (or, if permitted by the relevant stock exchange and agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (if any), incorporated by reference into) each definitive Note in the standard euromarket form. The applicable Final Terms in relation to any Tranche of Notes may specify other terms and conditions which shall to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Tranche of Notes. Save in the case of public offers of structured Notes in Germany, the applicable Final Terms will be endorsed on, incorporated by reference into, or attached to, each global Note and definitive Note in the standard euromarket form. Reference should be made to “Form of the Notes” above for a description of the content of Final Terms which includes the definition of certain terms used in the following Terms and Conditions.

This Note is one of a series of Notes issued by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (in such capacity, the “Issuer”, which expression shall include any Substituted Debtor pursuant to Condition 15) pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined below). References herein to the “Notes” shall be references to the Notes of this Series (as defined below) and shall mean (i) in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note, units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency, (ii) definitive Notes issued in exchange (or part exchange) for a global Note and (iii) any global Note. The Notes, the Receipts (as defined below) and the Coupons (as defined below) also have the benefit of an Amended and Restated Agency Agreement dated 20 December 2011 (the “Agency Agreement”) as supplemented or amended from time to time, made between the Issuer, The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. as issuing and principal paying agent and agent bank (in such capacity the “Agent”, which expression shall include any successor agent) and the other paying agents named therein (together with the Agent, the “Paying Agents”, which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents).

Interest bearing definitive Notes in the standard euromarket form (unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms) have interest coupons (“Coupons”) and, if indicated in the applicable Final Terms, talons for further Coupons (“Talons”) attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Definitive Notes in the standard euromarket form repayable in instalments have receipts (“Receipts”) for the payment of the instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) attached on issue. Any reference herein to “Noteholders” shall mean the holders of the Notes, and shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note, be construed as provided below. Any reference herein to “Receiptholders” shall mean the holders of the Receipts and any reference herein to “Couponholders” shall mean the holders of the Coupons, and shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons, and holders of Talons shall be referred to herein as “Talonholders”.

The Final Terms for this Note is endorsed hereon or attached hereto and supplements these Terms and Conditions and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Terms and Conditions, replace or modify these Terms and Conditions for the purposes of this Note. References herein to the “applicable Final Terms” are to the Final Terms for this Note.

As used herein, “Tranche” means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing) and “Series” means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (ii) are identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) from the date on which such consolidation is expressed to take effect except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices.

Copies of the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms are available for viewing at the specified offices of each of the Agent and the other Paying Agents and at the registered offices of the Issuer and of the Agent and copies may be obtained from those offices. The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and

the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms which are binding on them.

Words and expressions defined in the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings where used in these Terms and Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated.

1. Form, Denomination and Title

The Notes are in bearer form and, in the case of definitive Notes, serially numbered, in the Specified Currency, the Specified Denomination(s) and the Specified Form(s).

This Note may be a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, a Zero Coupon Note, an Index Linked Interest Note, a Dual Currency Interest Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

This Note may be an Index Linked Redemption Note, an Instalment Note or a Dual Currency Redemption Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending on the Redemption/Payment Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

Notes in definitive form are issued with Coupons attached, unless they are Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to Coupons and Couponholders in these Terms and Conditions are not applicable.

Subject as set out below, title to the Notes, Receipts and Coupons will pass by delivery. Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law or applicable regulations, the Issuer, the Agent and any Paying Agent may deem and treat the bearer of any Note, Receipt or Coupon as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the case of any global Note, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next succeeding paragraph.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a global Note held on behalf of Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (“Euroclear”) and/or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (“Clearstream, Luxembourg”), each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount of Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and any Paying Agent as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on the Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant global Note shall be treated by the Issuer and any Paying Agent as the holder of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant global Note (and the expressions “Noteholder” and “holder of Notes” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly). Notes which are represented by a global Note held by a common depositary or a common safekeeper for Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

References to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms.

2. Status of the Notes

The Notes and the relative Receipts and Coupons constitute unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and with all other

present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer save for those preferred by mandatory provisions of law.

3. Interest

(a) *Interest on Fixed Rate Notes*

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Fixed Rate(s) of Interest payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to and including the Maturity Date.

If the Notes are in definitive form, except as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

As used in the Conditions, **Fixed Interest Period** means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

Except in the case of Notes in definitive form where an applicable Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Fixed Rate Notes represented by such Global Note; or
- (B) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

“Day Count Fraction” means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 3(a):

- (i) if “Actual/Actual (ICMA)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (a) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the “Accrual Period”) is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year assuming interest was to be payable in respect of the whole of that year; or
 - (b) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:

- (1) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year assuming interest was to be payable in respect of the whole of that year; and
 - (2) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year assuming interest was to be payable in respect of the whole of that year; and
- (ii) if “30/360” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the period from and including the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to but excluding the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months) divided by 360.

In these Conditions:

“Determination Period” means each period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date);

“euro” means the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty;

“Fixed Interest Period” means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date;

“sub-unit” means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and with respect to euro, means one cent.; and

“Treaty” means the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended.

(b) *Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes*

(i) Interest Payment Dates

Each Floating Rate Note and Index Linked Interest Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate equal to the Rate of Interest payable in arrear on either:

- (A) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (B) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date (each such date, together with each Specified Interest Payment Date, an “Interest Payment Date”) which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period (which expression shall, in these Terms and Conditions, mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date).

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

- (1) in any case where Interest Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 3(b)(i)(B) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (i) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (B) below shall apply mutatis mutandis or (ii) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (A) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (B) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (2) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (3) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (4) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In this Condition, “Business Day” means a day which is both:

- (A) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in any Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (B) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than any Business Centre and which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open. In these Conditions, “TARGET2 System” means the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System.

(ii) Rate of Interest

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms on the following basis:

(A) ISDA Determination

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), “ISDA Rate” for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes (the “ISDA Definitions”) and under which:

- (1) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (2) the Designated Maturity is the period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (3) the relevant Reset Date is either (i) if the applicable Floating Rate Option is based on the London inter-bank offered rate (“LIBOR”) or the Euro-zone inter-bank offered rate (“EURIBOR”), the first day of that Interest Period or (ii) in any other case, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), “Floating Rate”, “Calculation Agent”, “Floating Rate Option”, “Designated Maturity” and “Reset Date” have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

When this sub-paragraph (A) applies, in respect of each relevant Interest Period the Agent will be deemed to have discharged its obligations under Condition 3(b)(iv) in respect of the determination of the Rate of Interest if it has determined the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period in the manner provided in this sub-paragraph (A).

(B) Screen Rate Determination

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (1) the offered quotation (if there is only one quotation on the Relevant Screen Page); or
- (2) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, or the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable

Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Agent. If five or more such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for determining the Rate of Interest pursuant to this subparagraph (B) in the event that the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of (1) above, no such quotation appears or, in the case of (2) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at the time specified in the preceding paragraph.

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Notes will be determined as provided in the applicable Final Terms.

(iii) Minimum and/or Maximum Rate of Interest

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall in no event be less than such Minimum Rate of Interest and/or if it specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall in no event be greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest.

(iv) Determination of Rate of Interest and Calculation of Interest Amounts

The Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, and the Calculation Agent, in the case of Index Linked Interest Notes, will at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period. In the case of Index Linked Interest Notes, the Calculation Agent will notify the Agent of the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

The Agent will calculate the amount of interest (the **Interest Amount**) payable on the Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes for the relevant Interest Period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such Global Note; or
- (B) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note or an Index Linked Interest Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the

Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

“Day Count Fraction” means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 3(b):

- (ii) if “Actual/Actual (ISDA)” or “Actual/Actual” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (iii) if “Actual/365 (Fixed)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (iv) if “Actual/365 (sterling)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (v) if “Actual/360” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (vi) if “30/360”, “360/360” or “Bond Basis” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y₁" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y₂" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M₁" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M₂" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"D₁" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

"D₂" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and D₁ is greater than 29, in which case D₂ will be 30;

- (vii) if “30E/360” or “Eurobond Basis” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y₁" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y₂" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M₁" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M₂" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"D₁" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

"D₂" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₂ will be 30;

- (viii) if "30E/360 (ISDA)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y₁" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y₂" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M₁" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M₂" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"D₁" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

"D₂" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D₂ will be 30.

- (v) Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amount

The Agent will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer and any stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 12 as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth Amsterdam Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will be promptly notified to each stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12. For the purposes of this paragraph, the expression “Amsterdam Business Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in Amsterdam.

(vi) **Certificates to be Final**

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this paragraph (b), whether by the Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Agent, the Calculation Agent (if applicable), the other Paying Agents and all Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders and (in the absence as aforesaid) no liability to the Issuer, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

(c) Interest on Dual Currency Interest Notes

In the case of Dual Currency Interest Notes, if the rate or amount of interest falls to be determined by reference to a Rate of Exchange, the rate or amount of interest payable shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(d) Accrual of Interest

Each Note (or in the case of the redemption of part only of a Note, that part only of such Note) will cease to bear interest (if any) from the date for its redemption unless payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused. In such event, interest will continue to accrue until whichever is the earlier of:

- (1) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Note have been paid; and
- (2) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable has been received by the Agent and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 or individually.

4. Payments

(a) Method of Payment

Subject as provided below:

- (i) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency maintained by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of

such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively); and

- (ii) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 6.

(b) *Presentation of Notes, Receipts and Coupons*

Payments of principal in respect of definitive Notes will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of definitive Notes, and payments of interest in respect of definitive Notes will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent (in the case of any payments to be made in U.S. dollars, outside the United States (as defined below)).

Payments of instalments of principal (if any), other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Receipt. Payment of the final instalment will be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Note. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the definitive Note to which it appertains. Receipts presented without the definitive Note to which they appertain do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer. Upon the date on which any definitive Note becomes due and repayable, unmatured Receipts (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof.

Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form (other than Dual Currency Notes, Index Linked Notes and Long Maturity Notes (as defined below)) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of ten years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 6) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 7) or, if later, five years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due. Upon any Fixed Rate Note becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Receipts and Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no payments in respect of any such Receipts and no further Coupons in respect of any such Talons will be made or issued, as the case may be.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Note, Dual Currency Note, Index Linked Note or Long Maturity Note in definitive form becomes due and repayable, unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof. Where any such Note is presented for redemption without all unmatured Receipts, Coupons or Talons relating to it, redemption shall be made only against the provision of such indemnity as the Issuer may require. A "Long Maturity Note" is a Fixed Rate Note (other than a Fixed Rate Note which on issue had a Talon attached) whose nominal amount on issue is less than the aggregate interest payable thereon provided that such Note shall cease to be a Long Maturity

Note on the Interest Payment Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than the nominal amount of such Note.

If the due date for redemption of any definitive Note is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Note from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against surrender of the relevant definitive Note.

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes represented by any global Note will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to definitive Notes and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant global Note against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such global Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States. A record of each payment made against presentation or surrender of such global Note, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such global Note by such Paying Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made.

The holder of a global Note shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such global Note and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such global Note in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes represented by such global Note must look solely to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer to, or to the order of, the holder of such global Note. No person other than the holder of such global Note shall have any claim against the Issuer in respect of any payments due on that global Note.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, U.S. dollar payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction)) if:

- (i) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in U.S. dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and interest on the Notes in the manner provided above when due;
- (ii) payment of the full amount of such principal and interest at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in U.S. dollars; and
- (iii) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer.

(c) *Payment Day*

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a Payment Day, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms), "Payment Day" means any day which (subject to Condition 7) is:

- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:

- (A) the relevant place of presentation (if presentation is required); and
 - (B) any Financial Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (ii) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open.

(d) Interpretation of Principal and Interest

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (i) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 6;
- (ii) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iii) the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iv) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes;
- (v) in relation to Instalment Notes, the Instalment Amounts;
- (vi) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Amortised Face Amount; and
- (vii) any premium and any other amounts (other than interest) which may be payable by the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes.

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 6.

5. Redemption and Purchase

(a) At Maturity

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each Note (including each Index Linked Redemption Note and Dual Currency Redemption Note) will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date or by instalments in the Instalment Amount(s) and on the Instalment Date(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms (in the case of a Note redeemable in instalments).

(b) Redemption for Tax Reasons

Subject as provided in paragraph (e) below and unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time (in the case of Notes other than Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes or Dual Currency Interest Notes) or on any Interest Payment Date (in the case of Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes or Dual Currency Interest Notes), on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 (which notice shall be irrevocable) if, on the occasion of the next payment due under the

Notes, the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 6 as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of The Netherlands or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes.

Each Note redeemed pursuant to this Condition 5(b) will be redeemed at its Early Redemption Amount referred to in paragraph (e) below together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

(c) *Redemption at the Option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)*

If Issuer Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, subject as provided in paragraph (e) below and having given:

- (i) not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12; and
- (ii) not less than 15 days before the giving of the notice referred to in (i), notice to the Agent, both of which notices shall be irrevocable), redeem all or some only of the Notes then outstanding on the Optional Redemption Date(s) and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date(s).

Any such redemption must be of a nominal amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount and not higher than the Maximum Redemption Amount, both as indicated (if at all) in the applicable Final Terms. In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed ("Redeemed Notes") will be selected individually by lot, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, and in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as either a pool factor or a reduction in nominal amount, at their discretion), in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a global Note, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the "Selection Date"). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, a list of the serial numbers of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 12 not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. No exchange of the relevant global Note will be permitted during the period from and including the Selection Date to and including the date fixed for redemption pursuant to this sub-paragraph (c) and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 at least 5 days prior to the Selection Date.

(d) *Redemption of Notes at the Option of the Noteholders (Investor Put)*

If Investor Put is specified in the applicable Final Terms, upon the holder of any Note giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 12 not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice or such other period of notice as is specified in the applicable Final Terms (which notice shall be irrevocable), the Issuer will, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem, subject to, and in accordance with, the terms specified in the applicable Final Terms, in whole (but not in part), such Note on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date. It may be that before an Investor Put can be exercised, certain conditions and/or circumstances will need to be satisfied. Where relevant, the provisions will be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

To exercise the right to require redemption of this Note its holder must, if this Note is in definitive form and held outside Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, deliver at the specified office of any Paying Agent at any time during normal business hours of such Paying Agent falling within the notice period, a duly

signed and completed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent (a “Put Notice”) and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is required to be made by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition accompanied by this Note or evidence satisfactory to the Paying Agent concerned that this Note will, following delivery of the Put Notice, be held to its order or under its control.

If this Note is represented by a global Note or is in definitive form and held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must, within the notice period, give notice to the Agent of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (which may include notice being given on his instruction by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any common depositary or common safekeeper, as the case may be, for them, to the Agent by electronic means) in a form acceptable to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg from time to time and, if this Note is represented by a global Note the terms of which require presentation for recording changes to its nominal amount, at the same time present or procure the presentation of the relevant global Note to the Agent for notation accordingly.

(e) *Early Redemption Amounts*

For the purpose of paragraph (b) above and Condition 8, each Note will be redeemed at its Early Redemption Amount calculated as follows:

- (i) in the case of a Note with a Final Redemption Amount equal to the Issue Price, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof; or
- (ii) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note, at an amount (the “Amortised Face Amount”) equal to the product of:
 - (A) the Reference Price; and
 - (B) the sum of the figure 1 and the Accrual Yield, raised to the power of x, where “x” is a fraction the numerator of which is equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator of which is 360, or on such other calculation basis as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (iii) in any other case, at the amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms or, if no such amount or manner is so specified in the Final Terms, at their nominal amount.

(f) *Instalments*

Instalment Notes will be redeemed in the Instalment Amounts and on the Instalment Dates specified in the applicable Final Terms. In the case of early redemption, the Early Redemption Amount will be determined pursuant to paragraph (e) above.

(g) *Purchases*

The Issuer or any of its subsidiaries may at any time purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of definitive Notes, all unmaturing Receipts, Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) at any price in the open market or otherwise. Such Notes may be held, re-issued, resold or, at the option of the Issuer, surrendered to any Paying Agent for cancellation.

(h) Cancellation

All Notes which are redeemed will forthwith be cancelled (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption). All Notes so cancelled and the Notes purchased and cancelled pursuant to paragraph (g) above (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons cancelled therewith) shall be forwarded to the Agent and cannot be re-issued or resold.

(i) Late Payment on Zero Coupon Notes

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Note pursuant to paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 8 is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Note shall be the amount calculated as provided in paragraph 5(e)(ii) above as though the references therein to the date fixed for the redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and payable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

- (i) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Zero Coupon Note have been paid; and
- (ii) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable has been received by the Agent and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders, in accordance with Condition 12.

6. Taxation

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons by the Issuer will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes or duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of The Netherlands or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Issuer will, depending on which provision is specified in the applicable Final Terms, either:

- (a) make the required withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges for the account of the holders of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons, as the case may be, and shall not pay any additional amounts to the holders of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons; or
- (b) pay such additional amounts as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holders of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons, as the case may be, in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon:
 - (i) presented for payment by or on behalf of a Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder who is liable for such taxes or duties in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with The Netherlands other than the mere holding of such Note, Receipt or Coupon or the receipt of principal or interest in respect thereof; or
 - (ii) presented for payment by or on behalf of a Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder who would not be liable or subject to the withholding or deduction by making a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption to the relevant tax authority; or

- (iii) presented for payment by or on behalf of a Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union; or
- (iv) presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date (as defined below) except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to an additional amount on presenting the same for payment on such thirtieth day assuming that day to have been a Payment Day (as defined in Condition 4(c)); or
- (v) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive.

As used herein, the “Relevant Date” means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Agent on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12.

7. Prescription

The Notes, Receipts and Coupons will become void unless claims in respect of principal and/or interest are made within a period of five years after the date on which the relevant payment first became due.

There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition or Condition 4(b) or any Talon which would be void pursuant to Condition 4(b).

8. Events of Default

If any one or more of the following events (each an “Event of Default”) shall have occurred and be continuing:

- (i) default is made for more than 30 days in the payment of interest or principal in respect of the Notes; or
- (ii) the Issuer fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under the Notes and such failure has continued for the period of 60 days next following the service on the Issuer of notice requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (iii) the Issuer is declared bankrupt, or a declaration in respect of the Issuer is made under Chapter 3.5.5 of the Wft; or
- (iv) an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding up or liquidation of the Issuer unless this is done in connection with a merger, consolidation or other form of combination with another company and such company assumes all obligations contracted by the Issuer in connection with the Notes,

then any Noteholder may, by written notice to the Issuer at the specified office of the Agent, effective upon the date of receipt thereof by the Agent, declare the Note held by the holder to be forthwith due and payable whereupon the same shall become forthwith due and payable at its Early Redemption Amount (as described in Condition 5(e)), together with accrued interest (if any) to the date of repayment, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind.

9. Replacement of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons

Should any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Agent upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

10. Agent and Paying Agents

The names of the initial Agent and the other initial Paying Agents and their initial specified offices are set out below.

The Issuer is entitled to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent and/or appoint additional or other Paying Agents and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Paying Agent acts, provided that:

- (i) so long as the Notes are listed on any stock exchange, there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange;
- (ii) there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in a city in continental Europe;
- (iii) there will at all times be an Agent; and
- (iv) save to the extent satisfied by (i) above or (ii) above, there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in a European Union member state that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in the final paragraph of Condition 4(b). Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of insolvency, when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice thereof shall have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12.

11. Exchange of Talons

On and after the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 7. Each Talon shall, for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, be deemed to mature on the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in the relative Coupon sheet matures.

12. Notices

All notices regarding the Notes shall be published (i) in at least one daily newspaper of wide circulation in The Netherlands, which is expected to be *Het Financieele Dagblad*, (ii) (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) in a leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London, which is expected to be the *Financial Times*. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly

published in a manner which complies with the rules of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to trading. Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in all required newspapers.

Until such time as any definitive Notes are issued, there may (provided that, in the case of any publication required by a stock exchange, the rules of the stock exchange so permit), so long as the global Note(s) is or are held in its or their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, be substituted for publication in some or all of the newspapers referred to above, the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg for communication by them to the holders of the Notes, provided that for so long as any Notes are listed on a stock exchange or are admitted to trading by another relevant authority and the rules of that stock exchange or relevant authority so require, such notice will also be published in the manner required by those rules. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Notes on the seventh day after the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Notices to be given by any holder of the Notes shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together (in the case of any Note in definitive form) with the relative Note or Notes, with the Agent. Whilst any of the Notes are represented by a global Note, such notice may be given by any holder of a Note to the Agent via Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in such manner as the Agent and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

13. Meetings of Noteholders, Modification and Waiver

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or certain provisions of the Agency Agreement. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer or Noteholders holding not less than five per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being remaining outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing not less than 50 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons (including modifying the date of maturity of the Notes or any date for payment of interest thereof, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the rate of interest payable in respect of the Notes or altering the currency of payment of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons), the necessary quorum for passing an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds, or at any adjourned such meeting not less than one-third, in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Noteholders shall be binding on all the Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Receiptholders and Couponholders.

The Agent and the Issuer may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to:

- (a) any modification (except as mentioned above) of the Agency Agreement which, as determined by, and in the sole opinion of the Issuer, is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders; or
- (b) any modification of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or the Agency Agreement which, in each case below as determined by, and in the sole opinion of the Issuer, is (i) of a formal, minor or technical nature; (ii) is made to correct a manifest or proven error or to comply with mandatory provisions of the law of the jurisdiction in which the Issuer is incorporated; or (iii) not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders.

Any such modification shall be binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders and any such modification shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 as soon as practicable thereafter.

14. Further Issues

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders to create and issue further notes having terms and conditions the same as the Notes or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Notes.

15. Substitution of the Issuer and Substitution of office

(a) The Issuer may at any time without any further consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders substitute for itself as issuer of the Notes (including the relative Receipts and Coupons) with regard to any and all rights, obligations and liabilities under and in connection with the Notes:

- (i) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, registered in Scotland under No.90312, with its registered office at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB, (“RBS” or the “Substitute”) subject to the Issuer having given at least 30 days’ prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12;
- (ii) any entity which (i) acquires all or substantially all of the undertaking and/or assets of the Issuer or (ii) acquires the beneficial ownership of the whole of the issued voting stock and/or share capital of the Issuer or (iii) into which the Issuer is amalgamated, merged or reconstructed and where the Issuer is not the continuing company (such entity, a “Successor in Business” or the “Substitute”) subject to the Issuer having given at least 30 days prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12; or
- (iii) the holding company of the Issuer (the holding company currently being The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, company number SC045551) (the “Holding Company” or the “Substitute”) subject to the Issuer having given at least 30 days’ prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12; or
- (iv) any entity other than RBS, a Successor in Business or the Holding Company (also, the “Substitute”), subject to the Issuer having given at least 30 days’ prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12, and the Issuer or RBS having issued a legal, valid and binding guarantee of the obligations and liabilities of the Substitute under the Notes for the benefit of each and any of the Noteholders;

and in each case subject to all actions, conditions and things required to be taken, fulfilled and done (including the obtaining of any necessary consents) to ensure that the Notes represent legal, valid and binding obligations of the Substitute having been taken, fulfilled and done and being in full force and effect.

In the event of any substitution of the Issuer, any reference in the Conditions to the Issuer shall from such time be construed as a reference to the Substitute.

(b) The Issuer shall have the right upon notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 to change the office through which it is acting and shall specify the date of such change in such notice.

16. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

(a) *Governing Law*

The Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Talons and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection therewith are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of The Netherlands.

(b) *Jurisdiction*

The Issuer irrevocably agrees, for the benefit of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders, the Couponholders and the Talonholders, that the courts of Amsterdam are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons and/or the Talons (including a dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons and/or the Talons) and accordingly submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Amsterdam courts.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Except as otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the net proceeds from each issue of Notes will be applied by the Issuer for its general corporate purposes, which include making a profit. If, in respect of any particular issue, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms.

TAXATION

Netherlands Taxation

General

The following summary outlines the principal Netherlands tax consequences of the acquisition, holding, settlement, redemption and disposal of the Notes, but does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all Netherlands tax considerations in relation thereto. This summary is intended as general information only and each prospective investor should consult a professional tax adviser with respect to the tax consequences of an investment in the Notes.

This summary is based on tax legislation, published case law, treaties, regulations and published policy, in each case as in force as of the date of this Base Prospectus, and does not take into account any developments or amendments thereof after that date whether or not such developments or amendments have retroactive effect.

This summary does not address the Netherlands tax consequences for:

- (i) holders of Notes holding a substantial interest (*aanmerkelijk belang*) or deemed substantial interest (*fictief aanmerkelijk belang*) in the Issuer and holders of Notes of whom a certain related person holds a substantial interest in the Issuer. Generally speaking, a substantial interest in the Issuer arises if a person, alone or, where such person is an individual, together with his or her partner (statutory defined term), directly or indirectly, holds (i) an interest of 5% or more of the total issued capital of the Issuer or of 5% or more of the issued capital of a certain class of shares of the Issuer, (ii) rights to acquire, directly or indirectly, such interest or (iii) certain profit sharing rights in the Issuer;
- (ii) investment institutions (*fiscale beleggingsinstellingen*); and
- (iii) pension funds, exempt investment institutions (*vrijgestelde beleggingsinstellingen*) or other entities that are exempt from Netherlands corporate income tax.

Withholding Tax

All payments made by the Issuer under the Notes may be made free of withholding or deduction for any taxes of whatsoever nature imposed, levied, withheld or assessed by the Netherlands or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein provided that the Notes do not in fact function as equity of the Issuer within the meaning of article 10, paragraph 1, under d of the Netherlands corporate income tax act 1969 (*Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting 1969*).

Corporate and Individual Income Tax

- (a) Residents of the Netherlands

If a holder is a resident or deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for Netherlands tax purposes and is fully subject to Netherlands corporate income tax or is only subject to Netherlands corporate income tax in respect of an enterprise to which the Notes are attributable, income derived from the Notes and gains realised upon the redemption, settlement or disposal of the Notes are generally taxable in the Netherlands (at up to a maximum rate of 25%).

If an individual holder is a resident or deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for Netherlands tax purposes (including an individual holder who has opted to be taxed as a resident of the Netherlands), income

derived from the Notes and gains realised upon the redemption, settlement or disposal of the Notes are taxable at the progressive rates (at up to a maximum rate of 52%) under the Netherlands income tax act 2001 (*Wet inkomstenbelasting 2001*), if:

- (i) the holder is an entrepreneur (*ondernemer*) and has an enterprise to which the Notes are attributable or the holder has, other than as a shareholder, a co-entitlement to the net worth of an enterprise (*medegerechtigde*), to which enterprise the Notes are attributable; or
- (ii) such income or gains qualify as income from miscellaneous activities (*resultaat uit overige werkzaamheden*), which include the performance of activities with respect to the Notes that exceed regular, active portfolio management (*normaal, actief vermogensbeheer*).

If neither condition (i) nor condition (ii) applies to the holder of the Notes, taxable income with regard to the Notes must be determined on the basis of a deemed return on income from savings and investments (*sparen en beleggen*), rather than on the basis of income actually received or gains actually realised. This deemed return on income from savings and investments has been fixed at a rate of 4% of the average of the individual's yield basis (*rendementsgrondslag*) at the beginning of the calendar year, insofar as this basis exceeds a certain threshold. The individual's yield basis is determined as the fair market value of certain qualifying assets held by the holder of the Notes less the fair market value of certain qualifying liabilities on 1 January. The fair market value of the Notes will be included as an asset in the individual's yield basis. The 4% deemed return on income from savings and investments will be taxed at a rate of 30%.

(b) Non-residents of the Netherlands

If a holder is not a resident nor is deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for Netherlands tax purposes (or has not opted to be taxed as a resident of the Netherlands), such holder is not taxable in respect of income derived from the Notes and gains realised upon the settlement, redemption or disposal of the Notes, unless:

- (i) the holder is not an individual and such holder (1) has an enterprise that is, in whole or in part, carried on through a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in the Netherlands to which permanent establishment or permanent representative the Notes are attributable, or (2) is entitled to a share in the profits of an enterprise or a co-entitlement to the net worth of an enterprise, which is effectively managed in the Netherlands (other than by way of securities) and to which enterprise the Notes are attributable.

This income is subject to Netherlands corporate income tax at up to a maximum rate of 25%.

- (ii) the holder is an individual and such holder (1) has an enterprise or an interest in an enterprise that is, in whole or in part, carried on through a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in the Netherlands to which permanent establishment or permanent representative the Notes are attributable, or (2) realises income or gains with respect to the Notes that qualify as income from miscellaneous activities (*resultaat uit overige werkzaamheden*) in the Netherlands, which activities include the performance of activities in the Netherlands with respect to the Notes which exceed regular, active portfolio management (*normaal, actief vermogensbeheer*), or (3) is entitled to a share in the profits of an enterprise which is effectively managed in the Netherlands (other than by way of securities) and to which enterprise the Notes are attributable.

Income derived from the Notes as specified under (1) and (2) is subject to individual income tax at up to a maximum rate of 52%. Income derived from a share in the profits as specified under (3) that is not already included under (1) or (2) will be taxed on the basis of a deemed return on income from savings and investments (as described above under "Residents of the Netherlands"). The fair market value of the share in the profits of the enterprise (which includes the Notes) will be part of the individual's Netherlands yield basis.

Gift and inheritance tax

(a) Residents of the Netherlands

Generally, gift and inheritance tax will be due in the Netherlands in respect of the acquisition of the Notes by way of a gift by, or on the death of, a holder that is a resident or deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for the purposes of Netherlands gift and inheritance tax at the time of the gift or his or her death.

A holder of Dutch nationality is deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for the purposes of the Netherlands gift and inheritance tax if he or she has been resident in the Netherlands and dies or makes a donation within ten years after leaving the Netherlands. A holder of any other nationality is deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for the purposes of the Netherlands gift tax if he or she has been resident in the Netherlands and makes a donation within a twelve months period after leaving the Netherlands. The same twelve-month rule may apply to entities that have transferred their seat of residence out of the Netherlands.

(b) Non-residents of the Netherlands

No gift or inheritance taxes will arise in the Netherlands in respect of the acquisition of the Notes by way of a gift by, or as a result of, the death of a holder that is neither a resident nor deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for the purposes of Netherlands gift and inheritance tax, unless in the case of a gift of the Notes by a holder who at the date of the gift was neither a resident nor deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands, such holder dies within 180 days after the date of the gift, and at the time of his or her death is a resident or deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands.

Value Added Tax

In general, no value added tax will arise in respect of payments in consideration for the issue of the Notes or in respect of a cash payment made under the Notes, or in respect of a transfer of Notes.

Other Taxes and Duties

No registration tax, customs duty, transfer tax, stamp duty or any other similar documentary tax or duty will be payable in the Netherlands by a holder in respect of or in connection with the subscription, issue, placement, allotment, delivery or transfer of the Notes.

EU Savings Directive

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income, Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State or to certain limited types of entities established in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). The European Commission has proposed certain amendments to the Directive, which may, if implemented, amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above. A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

The Dealers have in an amended and restated programme agreement (the “Programme Agreement”) dated 20 December 2011 as amended or supplemented from time to time agreed with the Issuer a basis upon which they or any of them may from time to time purchase Notes. Any such agreement to accede to the Programme will extend to those matters stated under “Form of the Notes” and “Terms and Conditions of the Notes” above.

Notes may also be offered under the Programme on a private placement basis.

United States

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that the Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act, and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in the previous sentence have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act. The Notes are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by United States tax regulations. Terms used in the previous sentence have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that, except as permitted by the Programme Agreement, it will not offer, sell or deliver any Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of all Notes of such Series, as determined and certified by the Agent, and it will have sent to each other dealer or person receiving a selling concession, fee or other remuneration in respect of the Notes to which it sells Notes during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering, an offer or sale of Notes within the United States by any dealer that is not participating in the offering may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Public Offer Selling Restriction under the Prospectus Directive

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a **Relevant Member State**), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the **Relevant Implementation Date**) it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the final terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) if the final terms in relation to the Notes specify that an offer of those Notes may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State (a **Non-exempt Offer**), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Notes which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member

State, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the final terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable, and the Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purpose of that Non-exempt Offer;

- (b) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (c) at any time to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (d) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (b) to (d) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of Notes to the public" in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State) and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State and the expression "2010 PD Amending Directive" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

United Kingdom

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (i) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "FSMA")) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA would not, if the Issuer was not an authorised person, apply to the Issuer; and
- (ii) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

The Netherlands/Global

Zero Coupon Notes in definitive bearer form and other Notes in definitive bearer form on which interest does not become due and payable during their term but only at maturity (savings certificates or *spaarbewijzen* as defined in the Dutch Savings Certificates Act (*Wet inzake spaarbewijzen*; the "SCA") may only be transferred and accepted, directly or indirectly, within, from or into The Netherlands through the mediation of either the Issuer or a member of Euronext Amsterdam N.V. with due observance of the provisions of the SCA and its implementing regulations (which include registration requirements). No such mediation is required, however, in respect of (i) the initial issue of such Notes to the first holders thereof, (ii) the transfer and acceptance by individuals who do not act in the conduct of a profession or business and

(iii) the issue and trading of such Notes if they are physically issued outside The Netherlands and are not distributed in The Netherlands in the course of primary trading or immediately thereafter.

The Netherlands

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that with effect from and including 1 January 2012 it will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of an offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to the public in The Netherlands in reliance on Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive unless:

- (a) such offer is made exclusively to legal entities which are qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive; or
- (b) standard exemption wording is disclosed as required by article 5:20(5) of the Wft,

provided that no such offer of Notes shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expressions an "offer of Notes to the public" in relation to any Notes in the Netherlands and "Prospectus Directive" have the meaning given to them above in the paragraph headed with "Public Offer Selling Restriction under the Prospectus Directive".

Republic of Italy

The offering of the Notes has not been registered with the Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (**CONSOB**) pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that it has not offered, sold or distributed, and will not offer, sell or distribute any Notes or any copy of the Base Prospectus or any other offer document in the Republic of Italy (**Italy**) except:

- (i) to qualified investors (*investitori qualificati*), pursuant to Article 100 of Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998 (the **Consolidated Financial Services Act**) and Article 34-ter, paragraph 1, letter (b) of CONSOB regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999 (the **CONSOB Regulation**), all as amended; or
- (ii) in any other circumstances where an express exemption from compliance with the restrictions on offers to the public applies, as provided under Article 100 of the Consolidated Financial Services Act and Article 34-ter of the CONSOB Regulation,

Each of the Dealers has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer will be required to represent and agree, that any offer, sale or delivery of the Notes or distribution of copies of the Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the Notes in the Republic of Italy under (i) or (ii) must be:

- (a) made by an investment firm, bank or financial intermediary permitted to conduct such activities in Italy in accordance with the Consolidated Financial Services Act, Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 (the **Banking Act**), CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007, all as amended;
- (b) in compliance with Article 129 of the Banking Act and the implementing guidelines, pursuant to which the Bank of Italy may request information on the offering or issue of securities in Italy; and

- (c) in compliance with any securities, tax, exchange control and any other applicable laws and regulations, including any limitation or requirement which may be imposed from time to time, inter alia, by CONSOB or the Bank of Italy.

Please note that in accordance with Article 100-bis of the Consolidated Financial Services Act, where no exemption from the rules on public offerings applies under (i) and (ii) above, the subsequent distribution of the Notes on the secondary market in Italy must be made in compliance with the public offer and the prospectus requirement rules provided under the Financial Services Act and Regulation No. 11971. Failure to comply with such rules may result in the sale of such Notes being declared null and void and in the liability of the intermediary transferring the financial instruments for any damages suffered by the investors.

Republic of France

Each of the Dealers and the Issuer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that⁷:

- (i) *offer to the public in France:*

it has only made and will only make an offer of Notes to the public (*appel public à l'épargne*) in France in the period beginning (i) when a prospectus in relation to those Notes has been approved by the *Autorité des marchés financiers* ("AMF"), on the date of such publication or (ii), when a prospectus has been approved by the competent authority of another Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the EU Prospectus Directive 2003/71/EC, on the date of notification of such approval to the AMF, and ending at the latest on the date which is 12 months after the date of approval of the Base Prospectus, all in accordance with articles L.412-1 and L.621-8 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* and the *Règlement général* of the AMF; or

- (ii) *private placement in France:*

it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, Notes to the public in France, and has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, the Base Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the Notes, and that such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (a) providers of investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties, and/or (b) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) other than individuals, all as defined in, and in accordance with, articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*.

General

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that (to the best of its knowledge and belief) it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in or from which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers any Notes or any interest therein or possesses or distributes this Base Prospectus, any Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the Notes and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of any Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and neither the Issuer nor any other Dealer shall have responsibility therefor. In addition, each Dealer has represented

⁷ Prior to any offer of notes to the public in France or any admission to trading on Euronext Paris S.A., a notice has to be published in the French legal gazette called *Bulletin des annonces légales obligatoires* ("BALO").

and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it will not directly or indirectly offer, sell or deliver any Notes or distribute or publish the Base Prospectus, any Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the Notes in or from any jurisdiction except under circumstances that will not impose any obligations on the Issuer or any other Dealers.

With regard to each Tranche, the relevant Dealer (if any) will be required to comply with any additional restrictions set out in the applicable Final Terms.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Authorisation

The issue of Notes under the Programme has been duly authorised by a resolution of the Supervisory Board of Directors of the Issuer dated 13 January 2011 and of the Managing Board of the Issuer dated 7 January 2011. All consents, approvals, authorisations or other orders of all regulatory authorities required by the Issuer under the laws of The Netherlands have been given for the issue of Notes and for the Issuer to undertake and perform its obligations under the Programme Agreement, the Agency Agreement and the Notes.

Guarantee of RBS Holdings

RBS Holdings (when named ABN AMRO Holding N.V.) has given a guarantee (referred to as a 403 Declaration) dated 15 June 1998 in respect of debt obligations of the Issuer (when named ABN AMRO Bank N.V.). The 403 Declaration constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of RBS Holdings, enforceable under Dutch Company law in accordance with its terms. The effect of the issue and deposit by RBS Holdings of its 403 Declaration with the Trade Register of the Chamber of Commerce in Amsterdam is that RBS Holdings and the Issuer have become jointly and severally liable for all debts of the Issuer arising from transactions entered into by the Issuer after the date of the deposit. The 403 Declaration accordingly constitutes a guarantee by RBS Holdings for Notes issued by the Issuer.

A 403 Declaration may be revoked by the giver at any time. If the 403 Declaration is revoked by RBS Holdings, the situation under Dutch law would be as follows: RBS Holdings would remain liable in respect of debt instruments issued by RBS N.V. after the date of deposit but prior to the effective date of such revocation; and RBS Holdings would not be liable for debt instruments issued by RBS N.V. after the effective date of such revocation. The law of The Netherlands provides that in the event that RBS N.V. is no longer a subsidiary of RBS Holdings or otherwise a group company of RBS Holdings, the revocation of the 403 Declaration is under certain conditions capable of releasing RBS Holdings from all obligations under the 403 Declaration. However, in such event, there are detailed statutory provisions to protect the rights of creditors of RBS N.V.

Listing

It is expected that each Tranche of Notes which is to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market will be admitted separately as and when issued, subject only to the issue of a Global Note or Notes initially representing the Notes of such Tranche. Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market.

Documents available

So long as Notes are capable of being issued under the Programme, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available, free of charge, from the registered office of the Issuer:

- (i) an English translation of the Certificate of Incorporation and the most recent Articles of Association of the Issuer;
- (ii) a copy of the Registration Document and all supplements thereto;
- (iii) the Agency Agreement (which contains the forms of the Temporary Global Notes and Permanent Global Notes, the definitive Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Talons);

- (iv) a copy of this Base Prospectus;
- (v) the documents incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus as set out in the section “Important information - Documents incorporated by reference” above; and
- (vi) in the case of each issue of listed Notes subscribed pursuant to a syndication agreement, the syndication agreement (or equivalent document).

A copy of the 403 Declaration is available for inspection at the Trade Register of the Chamber of Commerce in Amsterdam, De Ruyter Kade 5, PO Box 1000 CW, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Clearing and settlement systems

The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The appropriate Common Code, International Securities Identification Number for each Tranche allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, and any other relevant security code, will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. If the Notes are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate additional or alternative information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. Transactions will normally be effected for settlement not earlier than three days after the date of the transaction.

Conditions for determining price

The price and amount of Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

Auditors

The financial information of the Issuer is included in the financial information for RBS Holdings by virtue of the statement filed by RBS Holdings in terms of Section 2:403 of the Netherlands Civil Code.

The financial statements of ABN AMRO Holding N.V. (as RBS Holdings was then named and in which the results of the Issuer were consolidated for the relevant periods) for the financial years 2010 and 2009 as set out in the 2010 Annual Report and the 2009 Annual Report respectively, have been audited by Deloitte Accountants B.V., chartered accountants (*registeraccountants*). Deloitte Accountants B.V. have issued unqualified reports for each of those years. Deloitte Accountants B.V. is located at Orlyplein 10, P.O. Box 58110, 1040 HC Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The individual auditors of Deloitte Accountants B.V. are members of the Netherlands’ Professional Organisation of Accountants (*Nederlandse Beroepsorganisatie van Accountants (NBA)*).

The reports of the auditors of the Issuer are included or incorporated in the form and context in which they are included or incorporated, with the consent of the auditors who have authorised the contents of that part of this Base Prospectus.

Post-issuance information

Save as set out in the Final Terms, the Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issues of Notes.

French regulatory matters

This Base Prospectus prepared in connection with the Notes has not been submitted to the clearance procedures of the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

Substitution of the Issuer

The Issuer may without any further consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders be replaced and substituted by RBS or any entity other than RBS as issuer of the Notes and the relative Receipts and Coupons subject to the conditions set out in Condition 15 of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

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