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**LaunchPAD Programme**

**Supplementary Prospectus dated 9 September 2011**

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**FIFTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES**



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**The Royal Bank of Scotland plc**

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

**The Royal Bank of Scotland plc LaunchPAD Programme**

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- 1** This Supplement dated 9 September 2011 (this **Supplement**) constitutes the fifth supplement to the base prospectus dated 27 May 2011 in relation to the Issuer's LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Certificates approved by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*, the **AFM**) on 26 May 2011 (the **Base Prospectus**).
- 2** The Base Prospectus was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (the **Prospectus Directive**) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to the Base Prospectus for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).
- 3** This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, the Base Prospectus and any other supplements thereto issued by the Issuer. Terms defined in the Base Prospectus have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.
- 4** In accordance with Article 5:23(6) of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*), investors who have agreed to purchase or subscribe for securities issued under the Base Prospectus before this Supplement is published have the right, exercisable before the end of the period of two working days beginning with the working day after the date on which this Supplement was published, to withdraw their acceptances.
- 5** The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

- 6 By virtue of this Supplement, the following new sub-heading and paragraph shall be deemed to be inserted into the Base Prospectus at the end of the section entitled “General Information – Recent Developments”:

*“Litigation*

On 2 September 2011, the US Federal Housing Finance Agency ("**FHFA**") as conservator for the Federal National Mortgage Association ("**Fannie Mae**") and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Company ("**Freddie Mac**") filed 17 lawsuits in the United States against a number of international banks and individual defendants, including RBSG, certain other Group companies and five individual officers and directors of the Group's subsidiaries. The lawsuits involve allegations that certain disclosures made by the defendants in connection with the relevant offering or underwriting of securities contained materially false or misleading statements and/or omissions regarding the underwriting standards pursuant to which the mortgage loans underlying the securities were issued. Group entities are named as defendants in their capacities as issuers and underwriters of securities, not as originators of any underlying mortgage loans. Although its claims against the Group are currently unquantified, the plaintiff refers to Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's losses on securities with original face values of over US\$30 billion.”

- 7 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectus and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive>, on the London Stock Exchange plc's website at [www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/prices-and-news/news/market-news/market-news-home.html](http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/prices-and-news/news/market-news/market-news-home.html) and can be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer at 36 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB, United Kingdom, telephone +33 131 523 3636.
- 8 To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement and (b) any other statement in the Base Prospectus, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
- 9 Save as disclosed in this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectus (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or been noted since the publication of the Base Prospectus.

**The Royal Bank of Scotland plc**