

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO
(Rule 13e-4)
TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

RBS Capital Trust I
RBS Capital Trust II
RBS Capital Trust III
RBS Capital Trust IV

and

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc
(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc
(Name of Filing Person (Offeror))

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| The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc | American Depositary Shares, Series F, each representing one Non-Cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series F | 780097804 |
| The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc | American Depositary Shares, Series H each representing one Non-Cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series H | 780097879 |
| The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc | American Depositary Shares, Series L each representing one Non-Cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series L | 780097788 |
| The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc | American Depositary Shares, Series M each representing one Non-Cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series M | 780097796 |
| The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc | American Depositary Shares, Series N each representing one Non-Cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series N | 780097770 |
| The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc | American Depositary Shares, Series P each representing one Non-Cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series P | 780097762 |
| The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc | American Depositary Shares, Series Q each representing one Non-Cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series Q | 780097754 |
| The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc | American Depositary Shares, Series R each representing one Non-Cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series R | 780097747 |
| The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc | American Depositary Shares, Series S each representing one Non-Cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series S | 780097739 |
| The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc | American Depositary Shares, Series T each representing one Non-Cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series T | 780097713 |
| The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc | American Depositary Shares, Series U each representing one Non-Cumulative Dollar Preference Shares, Series U | 780097AU5 |
| The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc | Dollar Perpetual Regulatory tier one securities, Series 1 | 780097AH4 |

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| The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc | 6.990% Fixed Rate/Floating Rate Preferred Capital Securities | 780097AS0 and 032386504 |
| RBS Capital Trust I | 4.709% Non-cumulative Trust Preferred Securities | 749274AA4 |
| RBS Capital Trust II | 6.425% Non-cumulative Trust Preferred Securities | 74927PAA7 |
| RBS Capital Trust III | 5.512% Non-cumulative Trust Preferred Securities | 74927QAA5 |
| RBS Capital Trust IV (Issuer) | Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Trust Preferred Securities (Title of Classes of Securities) | 74927FAA9 (CUSIP Number of Class of Securities (Underlying Common Stock)) |

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On March 25, 2010, the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc and National Westminster Bank PLC issued press releases, in which the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc announced its intention to commence a tender offer to purchase for cash the securities listed in this Schedule TO-C. The press releases are attached as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2.

Item 12. Exhibits.

Exhibit

| No | Document |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc and National Westminster Bank PLC, dated March 25, 2010. |
| 99.2 | Press Release of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, dated March 25, 2010. |

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