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Form 6-K
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December 2002

Commission File Number: 001-10306

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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The following information was issued as Company announcements, in London, England and is furnished pursuant to General Instruction B to the General Instructions to Form 6-K:

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group
Shareholder and Analyst Conference

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13 November 2002

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ("RBS Group") announces that it is hosting a conference for shareholders and analysts in Boston, Massachusetts on 13 November 2002. The focus of the conference is Citizens Financial Group, the Group's US retail banking subsidiary.

The presentation will be available on the RBS Group website: www.rbs.co.uk

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For further information:

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The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Announces Completion of NatWest IT Integration

13 November 2002

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc has today announced the successful completion of the integration of the NatWest customer base onto the RBS Group IT platform.

Commenting on the achievement, Group Chief Executive, Fred Goodwin said:

"The conversion took place in early October and we have now completed an entire monthly cycle of operations on the enlarged IT platform. Systems performance has been excellent, and the IT integration can now be declared complete, and a success."

"When we acquired NatWest in March 2000, many doubted whether we could migrate a customer base over three times the size of the Royal Bank of Scotland onto a single Group technology platform. Whilst the scale and complexity of the challenge was without obvious precedent, we had every confidence that our people would deliver - they have done so and completed the task well ahead of schedule."

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The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

Pre-close Trading Up-date

9 December 2002

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group ("RBS") will be holding discussions with

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analysts ahead of its close period for the year ending 31 December 2002. This statement details the information that will be covered in those discussions.

RBS has continued to make good progress in 2002. Key features of its results for 2002, which will be released on 27 February 2003, are expected to include continued strong growth in income, a further improvement in efficiency, stable margins and provisions in line with guidance given at the half year stage. Overall, Group profit for the year is anticipated to be in line with expectations.

Income:

RBS has continued to achieve strong income growth. As reported in August, Wealth Management income continues to be impacted by lower stock market levels, however, all other divisions are expected to report strong growth in income for 2002.

Expenses:

Costs remain well under control. Income growth continues to exceed expense growth and this relative movement has led to a further improvement in the Group's cost:income ratio in 2002.

Credit Quality:

Overall credit quality remains strong, with no material change to the distribution by grade of our risk assets compared with the position disclosed in the interim results presentation in August.

Provisions:

The charge for provisions continues at a level in line with expectations and consistent with the first half of 2002 and the growth in the loan book.

Margins:

The Group net interest margin has been maintained at the same level as that reported for the first half.

Integration:

Successful completion of the NatWest IT integration was announced on 13 November 2002. The Group remains on track to deliver the increased transaction benefits by the promised dates in 2003. The successful conversion of the Mellon Regional Franchise onto the Citizens IT platform was announced on 5 September 2002. Citizens continues to deliver the promised transaction benefits more quickly than was originally envisaged.

Capital:

Capital ratios remain strong at levels within or in excess of our target ranges and well above regulatory minima.

Fred Goodwin, Group Chief Executive, commented:

"Strong income growth, stable margins, improving efficiency and good credit quality are expected to remain the key ingredients of our results.

All integration synergy targets are being met, and we have successfully completed the IT integrations of both NatWest and the acquired Mellon retail franchise.

We remain committed to our goal of building superior sustainable value for our shareholders, customers and staff. Whilst the economic outlook continues to be uncertain, we are confident that our bias towards less volatile activities in less volatile geographies will enable us to continue to achieve this goal.

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In short, our overall progress remains entirely on track."

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This announcement contains forward looking statements, including such statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the US Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements concern or may affect future matters, such as RBS's future economic results, business plans and strategies, and are based upon the current expectations of the directors. They are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that might cause actual results and events to differ materially from the expectations expressed in the forward looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to differences in current expectations include, but are not limited to, regulatory developments, competitive conditions, technological developments and general economic conditions. RBS assumes no responsibility to update any of the forward looking statements contained in this announcement.

REDEMPTION OF NON-CUMULATIVE US DOLLAR PREFERENCE SHARES

London/New York - December 30, 2001 - The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc gives notice that it will redeem on January 30, 2003 all the non-cumulative US dollar preference shares Series B (NYSE: RBSPRB) and Series C (NYSE: RBSPRC) listed in American Depositary Receipt ("ADR") form.

The redemption details, are shown below:

| US dollar non-cumulative preference shares | Redemption amount per share (US\$) | Accrued dividends per share (US\$) | Coupon |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Series B | 25.00 | 0.21 | 11.2% |
| Series C | 25.00 | 0.178125 | 9.5% |

The aggregate value of each non-cumulative preference share series, all of which are being redeemed on January 30, 2003, is as follows:

| US dollar non-cumulative preference shares | Aggregate value (US\$) |
|--|---------------------------|
| Series B | 200,000,000 |
| Series C | 400,000,000 |
| Total | 600,000,000 |

A notice of redemption is being sent to the holders of the ADRs representing Series B and Series C non-cumulative dollar preference shares by The Bank of New York, the ADS depository and paying agent.

Depository and Paying Agent

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The Bank of New York
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The following replaces the "Redemption - US Pref B & C" announcement released on 30 December 2002 at 10.54hrs under RNS 6308F. Additional contact details have been added. All other details remain unchanged.

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Depository and Paying Agent

By Mail:

The Bank of New York
Tender & Exchange-11 West
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By Hand or Overnight Courier:

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: 7 January 2003

THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP plc
(Registrant)

By: /s/ H Campbell

Name: H Campbell
Title: Head of Group Secretariat