

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC
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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For October 27, 2014

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The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

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The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

Statement on the publication of the 2014 EBA EU-wide stress test results

26 October 2014

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ("RBS") notes the announcements made today by the European Banking Authority ("EBA") and the Prudential Regulation Authority ("PRA") regarding the results of the 2014 EBA EU-wide stress test.

RBS's transitional Common Equity Tier 1 ("CET1") ratio under the modelled adverse scenario was 8.2% under the EBA's published capital definitions and prescribed approach and 6.7% under the PRA definition. This was 1.2% above the post-stress minimum ratio requirement of 5.5% used in this exercise.

The equivalent ratio under the EBA modelled adverse scenario on a 'fully loaded' Basel 3 basis is also 6.7%.

The cumulative impact on operating profit, impairment in the banking book and losses in the trading book for the modelled stresses under the adverse scenario over the three years to 31 December 2016 are shown in the table below:

Outcome of the modelled adverse scenario at 31 December 2016.

	Transitional (EBA definition)	Transitional (PRA definition) ¹	Fully loaded
2013 published CET1 ratio	11.0%	8.6%	8.6%
EBA stress test results (EURm)			
3-year cumulative operating profit before impairments	8,179	8,179	8,179
3-year cumulative stress banking book impairment	(20,010)	(20,010)	(20,010)
3-year cumulative losses from stress in trading book	(4,166)	(4,166)	(4,166)
of which stress valuation losses due to sovereign shock	(284)	(284)	(284)
EBA calculated risk-weighted assets	476,639	476,639	476,639
Resulting EBA-calculated CET1 ratio	8.2%	6.7%	6.7%

Note: The EBA stress test results are based on hypothetical adverse and baseline macroeconomic scenarios and a common methodology developed by the EBA (including a static balance sheet) applied across all participating banks. Neither the baseline scenario nor the adverse scenario should in any way be construed as an RBS forecast or directly compared to other information prepared by RBS. Citizens exposures are excluded from the credit disclosure template.

¹ The PRA has required that the transitional CET1 ratio used in the stress test is under the PRA definition and not the EBA methodology (with one exception - explained below). In accordance with the PRA's Policy Statement PS7/2013 issued in December 2013 on the implementation of CRD IV, all regulatory adjustments and deductions to CET1 have been applied in full (without transition relief). The one exception referred (which is in line with the EBA methodology) is that recognition in the CET1 capital position of unrealised losses / gains on sovereign is phased in.

RBS continues to make good progress in improving its regulatory CET1 ratio. The ratio improved by 150 basis points to 10.1% as at 30 June 2014 from the CRR end-point basis CET1 ratio of 8.6% as at 31 December 2013. This improvement reflected actions taken to reduce legacy asset exposures coupled with a significant improvement in trading performance. RBS continues to target a CRR end-point basis CET1 ratio of around 11% at 31 December 2015

and above 12% by the end of 2016.

RBS also notes that two of its subsidiaries were subject to the European Central Bank's ("ECB") Comprehensive Assessment. Both have reported CET1 ratios above the post-stress minimum ratio requirement under the ECB-modelled adverse scenario:

- Ulster Bank Ireland Limited's ("UBIL") transitional Common Equity Tier 1 ratio under the modelled adverse scenario was 6.2%, which is based on the ECB's published capital definitions and prescribed approach.
- The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.'s ("RBS NV") transitional Common Equity Tier 1 ratio under the modelled adverse scenario was 7.2%, which is based on the ECB's published capital definitions and prescribed approach.

RBS Group plc will announce its Q3 2014 Interim Results on Friday, 31 October 2014.

The detailed results of the capital exercise, as well as information on RBS exposures to central, regional and local governments in the EEA, are available via the links below:

- RBS: http://storage.eba.europa.eu/documents/10180/851773/UK_213800509XJIJN4JPN90.pdf
- UBIL: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ssm/assessment/html/index.en.html>
- RBS NV: <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ssm/assessment/html/index.en.html>

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Forward Looking Statements

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in this announcement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except to the extent legally required.
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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.

THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP plc
(Registrant)

Date: October 27, 2014

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