

Royal Bank of Scotland Group

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The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc – update on ring-fencing plans

On 22 March 2018 The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (together with its subsidiaries, “**RBS**”) announced that its proposed Ring-Fencing Transfer Scheme (the “**Scheme**”) under Part VII of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 had been sanctioned by the Court of Session in Scotland.

In the announcement of 22 March 2018 (the “**March RNS**”), RBS also stated that it expected to confirm the date of the intended implementation of the Scheme by way of a further announcement in early April 2018. Accordingly, RBS today announces that it intends to implement the Scheme on and with effect from 30 April 2018.

As set out in the March RNS, as the Scheme is implemented, Adam & Company PLC will be renamed “The Royal Bank of Scotland plc”, and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc will be renamed “NatWest Markets Plc”. The March RNS also set out further information on the Scheme and RBS’s ring-fencing plans, as well as specifying where copies of the Scheme and further information on those ring-fencing plans each can be found.

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