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## R.B. (3) INVESTMENT COMPANY

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 31 March 2012

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors of R B (3) Investment Company ("the company") present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012

#### **ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW**

## **Principal Activity**

The company ceased to trade on 30 September 2008 Note 1 to the accounts gives more information on the fact that the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than that of a going concern

The directors do not anticipate that any further business will be written in the company

The company is a subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ("the group") which provides the company with direction and access to all central resources it needs and determines policies in all key areas such as finance, risk, human resources or environment For this reason, the directors believe that performance indicators specific to the company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. The annual reports of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc review these matters on a group basis. Copies can be obtained from RBS Secretariat, RBS Gogarburn, Edinburgh, EH12 1HQ, the Registrar of Companies or through the group's website at rbs com.

#### **Business review**

The directors are satisfied with the company's performance in the year

#### Financial performance

The company has not traded during the accounting period. It received no income and incurred no expenditure and consequently has made neither a profit nor a loss. A statement of Comprehensive Income is therefore not presented.

At the end of the year total assets were £857k (2011 £2,595k)

#### Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (period ended 31 March 2011 £nil)

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The company's financial risk management objectives and policies regarding the use of financial instruments are set out in note 7 and 8 to these financial statements

#### Going concern

The directors, having made such enquiries as they considered appropriate, have prepared the financial statements on a basis other than going concern. It is the intention of the directors that the company would be wound up

#### **DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY**

The present directors and secretary, who have served throughout the year, are listed on page 1

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare a directors' report and financial statements for each financial year and the directors have elected to prepare them in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union (EU) Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs at the end of the year and the profit for the financial year of the company. In preparing these financial statements, under International Accounting Standard 1, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- present information, in cluding accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information,
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRS
  are insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other
  events and conditions of the entity's financial position and performance, and
- make an assessment of the company's ability to continue as a going concern

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the directors' report and financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR**

Each of the directors at the date of approval of this report confirms that

- in so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information

This confirmation is given and shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006

#### **AUDITOR**

Deloitte LLP has expressed its willingness to continue in office as auditor

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

S J Caterer Director

Date 77 September 2012

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF R.B. (3) INVESTMENT COMPANY

We have audited the financial statements of R B (3) Investment Company ('the company') for the year ended 31 March 2012, which comprise the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes 1 to 11 These financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than that of a going concern under the accounting policies set out therein The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2012 and
  of its results for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

## Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF R.B. (3) INVESTMENT COMPANY (continued)

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- · we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Simon Cleveland FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor,

Bristol, United Kingdom 2012 على 2012

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## BALANCE SHEET As at 31 March 2012

|                                    |              | 2012  | 2011  |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|
|                                    | <u>Notes</u> | £'000 | £'000 |
| Assets                             |              |       |       |
| Current assets                     |              |       |       |
| Trade and other receivables        | 4            | •     | 2,595 |
| Cash at bank                       | 5            | 857   |       |
| Total assets                       | _            | 857   | 2,595 |
| Liabilities                        |              |       |       |
| Current liabilities                |              |       |       |
| Amounts owed to Group undertakings | 6            | -     | 1,738 |
| Total liabilities                  |              | •     | 1,738 |
| Equity                             |              |       |       |
| Share capital                      | 9            | -     | -     |
| Retained earnings                  |              | 857   | 857   |
| Total equity                       |              | 857   | 857   |
| Total liabilities and equity       |              | 857   | 2,595 |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 27 September 2012 and signed on its behalf by

S J Caterer Director

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the year ended 31 March 2012

|                               | Share<br>capital<br>£'000 | Retained<br>earnings<br>£'000 | Total<br>£'000 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| At 1 October 2009             | 152,570                   | 857                           | 153,427        |
| Repurchase of Ordinary Shares | (152,570)                 |                               | (152,570)      |
| At 31 March 2011              | -                         | 857                           | 857            |
| Profit for the year           |                           | •                             | •              |
| At 31 March 2012              |                           | 857                           | 857            |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

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## CASH FLOW STATEMENT For the year ended 31 March 2012

|  |      | Year ending | Period     |
|--|------|-------------|------------|
|  |      | 31 March    | ending 31  |
|  |      | 2012        | March 2011 |
|  | Note | 5,000       | £'000      |
| Operating activities                                 |      |             |            |
| Profit for the year before tax                       |      |             | <u>-</u>   |
| Operating cash flows before movements in working     |      |             |            |
| capital  |      | •           | -          |
| Decrease in trade and other receivables              |      | 2,595       | 149,382    |
| Net cash flows from operating activities             |      | 2,595       | 149,382    |
| Financing activities                                 |      |             |            |
| Repurchase and cancellation of shares                |      | -           | (152,570)  |
| New loans raised                                     |      | -           | 594        |
| Loans repaid to immediate parent company             |      | (594)       | -          |
| Net cash flows used in financing activities          |      | (594)       | (151,976)  |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents |      | 2,001       | (2,594)    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year       |      | (1,144)     | • • •      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year             | 5,6  | 857         | (1,144)    |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### a) Presentation of financial statements

The financial statements are prepared on a basis other than going concern and in accordance with IFRS issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee of the IASB as adopted by the EU (together IFRS)

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis

The company's financial statements are presented in Sterling which is the functional currency of the company

The company is incorporated in United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales. The company's financial statements are presented in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

The company has ceased to trade following disposal of all of its investments in earlier periods. These events did not require the company to re-measure or reclassify the settlement dates of any assets or liabilities. IAS 1.25 'Presentation of Financial Statements' describes the preparation of financial statements in such circumstances as being other than on a going concern. No material adjustment arose as a result of ceasing to apply the going concern basis.

#### Adoption of new and revised standards

There are a number of changes to IFRS that were effective from 1 January 2011. They have had no material effect on the company's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012.

#### b) Taxation

Income tax expense or income, comprising current tax and deferred tax, is recorded in the income statement except income tax on items recognised outside profit or loss which is credited or charged to other comprehensive income or to equity as appropriate

Current tax is income tax payable or recoverable in respect of the taxable profit or loss for the year arising in income or in equity. Provision is made for current tax at rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amount of an asset or liability for accounting purposes and its carrying amount for tax purposes. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered. Deferred tax is not recognised on temporary differences that arise from initial recognition of an asset or a liability in a transaction (other than a business combination) that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred tax is calculated using tax rates expected to apply in the periods when the assets will be realised or the liabilities settled, based on tax rates and laws enacted, or substantively enacted, at the balance sheet date

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### c) Financial assets

On initial recognition, financial assets are classified into loans and receivables.

#### Loans and receivables

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable repayments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as loans and receivables, except those that are classified as available-for-sale or as held-for-trading, or designated as at fair value through profit or loss Loans and receivables are initially recognised at fair value plus directly related transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any impairment losses.

#### d) Cash and cash equivalents

In the Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and demand deposits with banks together with short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to insignificant risk of change in value

#### e) Accounting developments

The IASB issued IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' in November 2009 simplifying the classification and measurement requirements in IAS 39 in respect of financial assets. The standard reduces the measurement categories for financial assets to two fair value and amortised cost. A financial asset is classified on the basis of the entity's business model for managing the financial asset and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset. Only assets with contractual terms that give rise to cash flows on specified dates that are solely payments of principal and interest on principal and which are held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets in order to collect contractual cash flows are classified as amortised cost. All other financial assets are measured at fair value. Changes in the value of financial assets measured at fair value are generally taken to profit or loss.

In October 2010, IFRS 9 was updated to include requirements in respect of the classification and measurement of liabilities. These do not differ markedly from those in IAS 39 except for the treatment of changes in the fair value of financial liabilities that are designated as at fair value through profit or loss attributable to own credit, these must be presented in other comprehensive income.

In December 2010, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 9 and to IFRS 7 'Financial Instruments Disclosures' delaying the effective date of IFRS 9 to annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015 and introducing revised transitional arrangements including additional transition disclosures. If an entity implements IFRS 9 in 2012 the amendments permit it either to restate comparative periods or to provide the additional disclosures. The additional transition disclosures must be given if implementation takes place after 2012.

IFRS 9 makes major changes to the framework for the classification and measurement of financial instruments however these will not have a significant effect on the company's financial statements. The company is assessing the effect of IFRS 9 which will depend on the outcome of the other phases of the IASB's IAS 39 replacement project and on the outcome the IASB's tentative decision at its December 2011 meeting to reconsider the following topics.

## 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### f) Accounting developments (continued)

- additional application guidance to clarify how the instrument characteristics test was intended to be applied
- bifurcation of financial assets, after considering any additional guidance for the instrument characteristics test
- expanded use of other comprehensive income or a third business model for some debt instruments

'Disclosures - Transfers of Financial Assets (Amendments to IFRS 7)' was published by the IASB in October 2010. This replaces IFRS 7's existing de-recognition disclosure requirements with disclosures about (a) transferred assets that are not derecognised in their entirety and (b) transferred assets that

are derecognised in their entirety but where an entity has continuing involvement in the transferred asset. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2011.

The IASB issued an amendment to IAS 12 'Income Taxes' in December 2010 to clarify that recognition of deferred tax should have regard to the expected manner of recovery or settlement of the asset or liability. The amendment and consequential withdrawal of SIC 21 'Deferred Tax Recovery of Underlying Assets', effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2012, is not expected to have a material effect on the company

In May 2011, the IASB issued six new or revised standards

IFRS 10 'Consolidated Financial Statements' which replaces SIC-12 'Consolidation - Special Purpose Entities' and the consolidation elements of the existing IAS 27 'Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements'. The new standard adopts a single definition of control a reporting entity controls another entity when the reporting entity has the power to direct the activities of that other entity to generate returns for the reporting entity

IAS 27 'Separate Financial Statements' which comprises those parts of the existing IAS 27 that dealt with separate financial statements

IFRS 11 'Joint Arrangements', which supersedes IAS 31' Interests in Joint Ventures', distinguishes between joint operations and joint ventures. Joint operations are accounted for by the investor recognising its assets and liabilities including its share of any assets held and liabilities incurred jointly and its share of revenues and costs. Joint ventures are accounted for in the investor's consolidated accounts using the equity method.

IAS 28 'Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures' covers joint ventures as well as associates, both must be accounted for using the equity method. The mechanics of the equity method are unchanged.

IFRS 12 'Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities' covers disclosures for entities reporting under IFRS 10 and IFRS 11 replacing those in IAS 28 and IAS 27 Entities are required to disclose information that helps financial statement readers evaluate the nature, risks and financial effects associated with an entity's interests in subsidiaries, in associates and joint arrangements and in unconsolidated structured entities

IFRS 13 'Fair Value Measurement' which sets out a single IFRS framework for defining and measuring fair value and requiring disclosures about fair value measurements

## 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### f) Accounting developments (continued)

The standards are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013 Earlier application is permitted. The company is reviewing the standards to determine their effect on the Company's financial reporting.

In June 2011, the IASB issued amendments to two standards

Amendments to IAS 1 'Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income' require items that will never be recognised in profit or loss to be presented separately in other comprehensive income from those that are subject to subsequent reclassification. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2012. Earlier application is permitted.

Amendments IAS 19 'Employee Benefits' require the immediate recognition of all actuarial gains and losses eliminating the 'corridor approach', interest cost to be calculated on the net pension liability or asset at the appropriate corporate bond rate, and all past service costs to be recognised immediately when a scheme is curtailed or amended. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013. Earlier application is permitted.

The company is reviewing the amendments to determine their effect on the company's financial reporting

In December 2011, the IASB issued 'Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (Amendments to IAS 32)' and 'Disclosures-Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (Amendments to IFRS 7)' The amendment to IAS 32 adds application guidance on the meaning of 'a legally enforceable right to set off' and on simultaneous settlement IFRS 7 is amended to require disclosures facilitating comparisons between those entities reporting under IFRS and those reporting under US GAAP. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014 and are required to be applied retrospectively

The IASB issued "Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2009-2011 Cycle" in May 2012 implementing minor changes to IFRSs, making non-urgent but necessary amendments to standards, primarily to remove inconsistency and to clarify wording. The revisions are effective for annual accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013 and are not expected to have a material effect on the company.

#### 2. Statement of Comprehensive Income

The company has not traded during the accounting year. It received no income and incurred no expenditure and consequently has made neither a profit nor a loss. A Statement of Comprehensive Income is therefore not presented.

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## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

#### 3. Operating expenses

None of the directors received any emoluments from the company for their services to the company in the year ended 31 March 2012 (period ended 31 March 2011 £nil)

None of the directors had any material interest in any contract of significance in relation to the business of the company in the year ended 31 March 2012 (period ended 31 March 2011 £nil)

The company did not have any employees in the year ended 31 March 2012 (period ended 31 March 2011 nil)

The auditor's remuneration for statutory audit work for the company was borne by The Royal Bank Of Scotland Group plc Remuneration paid to the auditor for audit work for the company was £6,000 (2011 £5,000 borne by Royal Bank Leasing Limited)

#### 4. Trade and other receivables

|   | 2012<br>£'000 | 2011<br>£'000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Amounts due from Group undertakings                   |               |               |
| - Intermediate parent company                         |               | 2,595         |
| 5. Cash at bank                                       |               |               |
|   | 2012          | 2011          |
|   | £,000         | £,000         |
| Cash at bank - Intermediate parent company            | 857           | -             |
| 6. Borrowings   |               |               |
|   | 2012          | 2011          |
|   | €,000         | £,000         |
| Loan amount due to group undertakings                 |               |               |
| - Intermediate parent company, repayable on demand    | -             | 1,144         |
| - Immediate parent company, repayable within one year | -             | 594           |
|   |               | 1,738         |

The short term loan to an intermediate parent company meets the definition of cash and cash equivalents and is included as such in the Cash Flow Statement

#### 7. Financial instruments

## Categories of financial instrument

The following tables analyse the company's financial assets and liabilities in accordance with the categories of financial instruments in IAS 39 "Financial Instruments, Recognition and Measurement" Assets and liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39 are shown separately

| 2012                        | Loans and receivables £'000 | Amortised<br>cost<br>£'000 | Total<br>£'000 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Assets                      |                             |                            |                |
| Cash at bank                | 857                         | -                          | 857            |
|                             | 857                         | -                          | 857            |
| Equity                      |                             | _                          | 857            |
|                             |                             | _                          | 857            |
|                             | Loans and                   |                            |                |
| 2011                        | receivables                 | Amortised cost             | Total          |
|                             | £'000                       | €,000                      | £'000          |
| Assets                      |                             |                            |                |
| Trade and other receivables | 2,595                       | -                          | 2,595          |
|                             | 2,595                       | -                          | 2,595          |
| Liabilities                 |                             | _                          |                |
| Borrowings                  | -                           | 1,738                      | 1,738          |
|                             | -                           | 1,738                      | 1,738          |
| Equity                      |                             | _                          | 857_           |
|                             |                             |                            | 2,595          |

#### 8. Financial Risk management

The principal risks associated with the company are as follows

#### Interest rate risk

Structural interest rate risk arises where assets and liabilities have different repricing maturities

The company is not subject to any interest rate risk as it does not have any interest bearing instruments

#### **Currency risk**

The company has no currency risk as all transactions and balances are denominated in Sterling

## 8. Financial Risk management (continued)

#### Credit risk

The objective of credit risk management is to enable the company to achieve appropriate risk versus reward performance whilst maintaining credit risk exposure in line with approved appetite for the risk that customers will be unable to meet their obligations to the company

The key principles of the group's Credit Risk Management Framework are set out below

- Approval of all credit exposure is granted prior to any advance or extension of credit
- An appropriate credit risk assessment of the customer and credit facilities is undertaken
  prior to approval of credit exposure. This includes a review of, amongst other things, the
  purpose of credit and sources of repayment, compliance with affordability tests,
  repayment history, capacity to repay, sensitivity to economic and market developments
  and risk-adjusted return.
- Credit risk authority is delegated by the Board and specifically granted in writing to all
  individuals involved in the granting of credit approval. In exercising credit authority, the
  individuals act independently of any related business revenue origination
- All credit exposures, once approved, are effectively monitored and managed and reviewed periodically against approved limits. Lower quality exposures are subject to a greater frequency of analysis and assessment.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the company is unable to meet its obligations as they fall due. The company has no material liquidity risk as it has access to group funding

Management focuses on both overall balance sheet structure and the control, within prudent limits, of risk arising from the mismatch of maturities across the balance sheet and from undrawn commitments and other contingent obligations. It is undertaken within limits and other policy parameters set by Group Asset and Liability Management Committee (GALCO)

#### Market risk

Market risk is the potential for loss as a result of adverse changes in risk factors including interest rates, foreign currency and equity prices together with related parameters such as market volatilities

The company has no material market risk as the exposure is within the group undertakings

#### 9. Share capital

| Equity shares  | 2012<br>£   | 2011<br>£   |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Authorised 250,000,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each                  | 250,000,000 | 250,000,000 |
| Allotted, called up and fully paid<br>2 Ordinary Shares of £1 each | 2           | 2           |

The company has one class of Ordinary Shares which carry no right to fixed income

#### 10. Capital resources

The company's capital consists of equity comprising issued share capital and retained earnings. The company is a member of The Royal Bank of Scotland group of companies ("the group") which has regulatory disciplines over the use of capital. In the management of capital resources, the company is governed by the group's policy which is to maintain a strong capital base it is not separately regulated. The group has complied with the Financial Services Authority's capital requirements throughout the year.

#### 11. Related parties

#### **UK Government**

On 1 December 2008, the UK Government through HM Treasury became the ultimate controlling party of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group pic The UK Government's shareholding is managed by UK Financial Investments Limited, a Company wholly owned by the UK Government As a result, the UK Government and UK Government controlled bodies became related parties of the company

There have been no transactions between the company and the UK Government and UK Government controlled bodies during current year or preceding year

#### Group undertakings

The immediate parent company is R B. Investment Holdings Limited which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.

The company's ultimate holding company is The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in Scotland

As at 31 March 2012, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc heads the largest and smallest group in which the company is consolidated. Copies of the consolidated accounts may be obtained from The Secretary, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, Gogarburn, PO Box 1000, Edinburgh EH12 1HQ

#### Key management

The company is a subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc whose policy is for companies to bear the costs of their full time staff. The time and costs of executives and other staff who are primarily employed by the group are not specifically recharged. However, the group recharges subsidiaries for management fees which include an allocation of certain staff and administrative support costs.

In the company and the group, key management comprise directors of the company and members of the group Executive Management Committee. The emoluments of the directors of the company are met by the group

The directors of the company do not receive remuneration for specific services provided to the company

#### Capital support deed

The company, together with other members of the group, is party to a capital support deed (CSD). Under the terms of the CSD, the company may be required, if compatible with its legal obligations, to make distributions on, or repurchase or redeem, its Ordinary Shares. The amount of this obligation is limited to the company's immediately accessible funds or assets, rights, facilities or other resources that, using best efforts, are reasonably capable of being converted to cleared, immediate funds (the company's available resources). The CSD also provides that, in certain circumstances, funding received by the company from other parties to the CSD becomes immediately repayable, such repayment being limited to the company's available resources.