Directors' Report

and

Financial Statements

for the period ended 30 September 1998



Board of Directors and Other Information

DIRECTORS: David John Batten

Steven Bonutto Mark David Childs Robert William Edwards

Martin Fisher

Patrick Bartholomew Flynn

Keith Nigel Grant David Frankie Harman Alan Roy Hawkins Robert Alec Jackman

Wilson Leech

Dr Gordon Alan Lindsay Penelope Ann McKelvey

Heather Robbie Nicholas Paul Taylor

SECRETARY: Keith Nigel Grant

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for the period ended 30 September 1998

The Directors present their annual report and the financial statements for the period ended 30 September 1998.

1. BUSINESS REVIEW

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of RBS Trust Bank Ltd. which itself is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. The company's business is that of a nominee company only. As the company has not traded during the accounting period, received no income and incurred no expenditure, a profit and loss account is not presented.

2. DATE OF INCORPORATION

The Company was incorporated on 8 April 1997.

3. DIRECTORS

The names of the present Directors are as listed on page 1.

The following were appointed as Directors of the company on the dates specified.

Name of Director	Date of Appointment
Robert Alec Jackman	8 April 1997
Robert Edward Stuart Littlejohn	8 April 1997
David John Batten	18 April 1997
Keith John Hoffman	18 April 1997
Wilson Leech	18 April 1997
Dr Gordon Alan Lindsay	18 April 1997
Heather Robbie	18 April 1997
Steven Bonutto	1 July 1998
Robert William Edwards	1 July 1998
Martin Fisher	1 July 1998
Patrick Bartholomew Flynn	1 July 1998
David Frankie Harman	1 July 1998
Alan Roy Hawkins	1 July 1998
Penelope Ann McKelvey	1 July 1998
Keith Nigel Grant	10 September 1998
Mark David Childs	7 January 1999
Nicholas Paul Taylor	7 January 1999

The following resigned as Directors of the company on the dates specified.

Name of Director	Date of Resignation
Robert Edward Stuart Littlejohn	23 April 1998
Keith John Hoffman	31 March 1999

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4. <u>COMPANY SECRETARY</u>

During the year Mr R E S Littlejohn resigned as Company Secretary and Mr R A Jackman was appointed in his place on 23 April 1998. Mr R A Jackman resigned as Company Secretary on 10 September 1998 and Mr K N Grant was appointed on the same date.

5. DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The following Directors were beneficially interested in the 25p ordinary shares of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc:

	At 8 April 1997 [or date of appointment if later]	At 30 September 1998
	<u>Shares</u>	Shares
D J Batten	-	1,059
R W Edwards	8,071	8,129
K J Hoffman	•	3,091
R A Jackman	4,008	10,669
W Leech	561	1,667
H Robbie	-	2,602

Options to subscribe for 25p ordinary shares of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc granted to and exercised by Directors during for the period to 30 September 1998 are included in the table below:-

	At 6 April 1997 [or date of appointment if later]	Options Granted		Options Exercised		At 30
		<u>Number</u>	<u>Price</u> £	<u>Number</u>	Price £	September 1998
D J Batten	-	1,961	4.97	-	-	1,961
M Fisher	976	-	-	-	-	976
P B Flynn	1,150	-	-	-	-	1,150
D F Harman	1,819	-	-	_	-	1,819
R A Jackman	8,291	1,443	4.97	5,032	1.55	3,698
		362	7.99	1,366	2.12	•
W Leech	2,005	3,453	7.99	-	-	5,458
Dr G A Lindsay	-	1,961	4.97	-	-	1,961
P A McKelvey	518	-	-	-	-	518
H Robbie	-	2,158	7.99	-	-	-2,158

No other Director had an interest in the ordinary shares of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc and no Director had an interest in any of the preference shares of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc during for the period to 30 September 1998.

In addition, during that period, none of the Directors held a beneficial interest in the loan capital of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc or in the share or loan capital of any of the other subsidiaries of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, including the company.

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6. AUDITORS

At the Extraordinary General Meeting of the company held on 29 September 1998, a resolution was passed making the company exempt from the obligation to appoint auditors by virtue of section 252 or as otherwise required by Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985.

By Order of the Board

K N Grant Secretary

26 May 1999

Balance Sheet

As at 30 September 1998

	<u>Note</u>	<u>1998</u> £
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors:		&
Amounts owed by parent undertaking -		2
NET ASSETS		2
CAPITAL Called up share capital	3	2
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DIRECTORS DECLARATION

The company was dormant (within the meaning of Section 252 of the Companies Act 1985) throughout the accounting period ending at the date of this balance sheet.

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Date: 26 May 1999

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NOTES

1. Accounting Policy

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in compliance with the Companies Act 1985.

2. <u>Ultimate Holding company</u>

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of RBS Trust Bank Ltd., a company incorporated and registered in England, whose ultimate holding company is The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in Scotland.

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3. Called up Share Capital

Share capital allotted, called Authorised up and fully paid

At 30 September 1998 Ordinary Shares of £1 each

£1000

£2

4. Profit and Loss Account

The company has not traded during the accounting period, has received no income and incurred no expenditure and consequently has made neither a profit nor a loss. A profit and loss account is therefore not provided. None of the Directors received any remuneration in respect of their services to the company.

5. Contingent Liabilities

There is a contingent liability to subscribe for uncalled capital in respect of securities registered in the company but the company has recourse to the beneficial owners of these securities should any liability arise.

6. Approval of Accounts

The financial statements were approved at a meeting of the Board of Directors on 26 May 1999.