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Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. 51 – dated May 2, 2011 (to: Prospectus dated May 18, 2010 and Prospectus Supplement dated September 20, 2010)

CUSIP Number	Aggregate Price		Selling Commission	Net Proceeds	Coupon Type	Coupon Rate	Coupon Frequency	Maturity Date	1st Coupon		Survivor's Option	Rate
	Principal Amount	to Public							Date	Amount		
78011RBV4	\$	100%	1.60%	\$	FIXED	4.00%	MONTHLY	05/15/2017	06/15/2011	\$3.67	NO	SE

(Per Annum)

Redemption Information: Non-Callable/Non-Puttable

Lead Manager and Lead Agent: RBS Securities Inc.

<p>The Royal Bank of Scotland plc</p>	<p>Offering Dates: 05/02/2011 through 05/09/2011 Trade Date: 05/09/2011 @ 12:00 PM ET Settlement Date: 05/12/2011 Minimum Denomination/Increments: \$1,000.00/\$1,000.00 Guaranteed in full by The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc Initial trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC Book-Entry only DTC Number 2230 via RBS Securities Inc.</p>	<p>Royal Bank of Scotland plc Retail Corporate Notes Prospectus dated May 18, 2010 and Prospectus Supplement dated September 20, 2010</p>
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If the maturity date or an interest payment date for any note is not a business day (as that term is defined in the prospectus supplement), principal, premium, if any, and interest for that note is paid on the next business day, and no interest will accrue from, and after, the maturity date or interest payment date.