

**NOTICE 591 OF 2013****THE BANKS ACT, 1990 (ACT NO. 94 OF 1990 – “THE BANKS ACT”)****CONSENT IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE BANKS ACT, FOR A FOREIGN INSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE WITHIN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA: THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC**

Notice is hereby given for general information, in accordance with the provisions of section 30 of the Banks Act, that The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc, an institution that lawfully conducts business similar to the business of a bank in the United Kingdom, has been granted permission by the Registrar of Banks, in terms of section 34 of the Banks Act, to establish a representative office within the Republic of South Africa, with effect from 17 May 2013. The representative office referred to above is, however, not authorised to conduct the business of a bank in the Republic of South Africa.