

Sullivan James T
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Sullivan James T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ROCKWOOD HOLDINGS, INC., 100 OVERLOOK CENTER

(Street)

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Rockwood Holdings, Inc. [ROC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/12/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Controller & Princ. Acct Offic

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/12/2010		M		6,845	A	\$ 14.61
					20,483		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/12/2010		S		6,845	D	\$ 29.4362
							(1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options(right to buy)	\$ 14.61	05/12/2010		M	6,845	(2) 01/01/2012	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 6,845

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sullivan James T C/O ROCKWOOD HOLDINGS, INC. 100 OVERLOOK CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540			Controller & Princ. Acct Offic	

Signatures

/s/ James T. Sullivan 05/14/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at share prices ranging from \$29.4400 to \$29.4950. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(2) These options were granted on January 1, 2002 and vested 10% on each of the first and second anniversary of grant, 25% on each of the third and fourth anniversary of grant and 30% on the fifth anniversary of grant.

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