ROWAN COMPANIES PLC

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Ordinary

Shares

04/25/2014

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LENTZ HENRY E (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROWAN COMPANIES PLC [RDC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|------------|--|---|---|--|
| 2800 POST 5450 | (Month/Day/Year) 04/25/2014 | | | | | | X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board | | | | | |
| | (Street) 4. If Ame Filed(Mor | | | | | te Original | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| HOUSTON, TX 77056 | | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table | e I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq | | | | | uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea | | | Code (Instr. 8 | | 4. Securities Acquir on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Pr | | l of | 5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Ordinary Shares | 04/25/2014 | | | M | | 35,400 | A | <u>(1)</u> | 80,400 | D | | |
| Ordinary Shares | 04/25/2014 | | | M | | 1,851 | A | <u>(2)</u> | 82,251 | D | | |

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

D

1,851

D

<u>(2)</u>

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Share Units | (3) | 04/25/2014 | | M | | 37,251 | 04/25/2014 | 04/25/2014 | Ordinary Shares | 37,251 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LENTZ HENRY E 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056

X

Chairman of the Board

Signatures

/s/ Melanie M. Trent, Attorney-in-Fact

04/29/2014

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Upon Mr. Lentz's retirement from the Board of Directors of the Company, 35,400 restricted share units held by Mr. Lentz were settled for ordinary shares on a one-for-one basis.
- Upon Mr. Lentz's retirement from the Board, 1,851 restricted share units held by Mr. Lentz were settled in cash at the market price of (2) \$31.255 per ordinary share. The market price reflects the average high and low price on April 25, 2014. A portion of the cash was retained by the Company for tax withholding.
- (3) See footnotes (1) and (2) above.

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