ROWAN COMPANIES PLC

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Burke Thomas Peter			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	ROWAN COMPANIES PLC [RDC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
2800 POST 5450	OAK BLVD	o, SUITE	(Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2015	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	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)		quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
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(City)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	luired, Disposed (of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securiti	ies Acc	quired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Dis	posed	of	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Ordinary Shares (1)	02/26/2015		A	85,308 (2)	A	\$0	187,532 <u>(3)</u>	D	

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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Burke Thomas Peter							
2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 5450	X		President & CEO				
HOUSTON, TX 77056							

Signatures

/s/ Melanie M. Trent,
attorney-in-fact 03/02/2015

**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) Represents restricted share units which may be settled soley in ordinary shares upon vesting.
- (2) The restricted share units vest ratably over a three year period.
- (3) Includes 159,094 restricted shares and restricted share units held by the reporting person.

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