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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		
			ROWAN COMPANIES PLC [RDC]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
2800 POST C 5450	OAK BLVI	O, SUITE	(Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2018	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO		
(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77056			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative Securities A	equired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code V	(A) or Amount (D) Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Class A Ordinary Shares	02/22/2018		F	9,491 \$ 12.99 (1) D (2)	667,109 (3)	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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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Exercisable	Date		Number		
				~					of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Ryan Tarkington, Attorney-in-Fact 02/26/2018

**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) These shares were surrendered for tax payment upon vesting of restricted share units on February 22, 2018.
- (2) Sales price is the fair market value on Thursday, February 22, 2018.
- (3) Includes 485,447 restricted share units held by the reporting person.

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