

Anderson Richard Jason
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Anderson Richard Jason

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ROWAN COMPANIES PLC [RDC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2800 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 5450
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/22/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP, Human Resources

HOUSTON, TX 77056
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Class A Ordinary Shares | 02/22/2018 | | | F | 801 ⁽¹⁾ D 12.99 ₍₂₎ | 26,186 ⁽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 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Anderson Richard Jason 2800 POST OAK BLVD. SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056 | | | VP, Human Resources | |

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 19,300 restricted share units held by the reporting person.
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