SZEWS CHARLES L

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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SZEWS CHARLES L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROWAN COMPANIES PLC [RDC]				* 5	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(T) ACINA							1120	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction					_X_ Director	100	Owner	
2800 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE			(Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2018					Officer (give	titleOthe	er (specify	
5450		00,2 ,, 2010					below) below)				
(Street)			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			
HOUSTON, TX 77056								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I) Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	r) Executio any		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Class A Ordinary Shares	05/24/2018			M	15,111	A	\$ 0 (1)	15,111	D		
Class A Ordinary Shares	05/24/2018			F	786 <u>(2)</u>	D	\$ 15.92 (3)	14,325	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)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ve Expiration Date es Acquired (Month/Day/Year) Disposed of		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Share Units	<u>(4)</u>	05/24/2018		M		15,111	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Class A Ordinary Shares	15,111
Restricted Share Units	<u>(4)</u>	05/25/2018		A	13,080		<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Class A Ordinary Shares	13,080

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SZEWS CHARLES L 2800 POST OAK BLVD. SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X						

Signatures

/s/ Ryan Tarkington, Attorney-in-Fact 05/29/2018

**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) Restricted share units converted into Class A Ordinary Shares on a one-to-one basis pursuant to the election of the compensation committee of the board of directors of Rowan Companies plc.
- (2) These shares were surrendered for tax payment upon vesting of restricted share units on May 24, 2018.
- (3) Sales price is the fair market value on Thursday, May 24, 2018.
- (4) Each restricted share unit represents a contingent right to receive cash, one Class A Ordinary Share of Rowan Companies plc, or a combination thereof, at the discretion of the compensation committee of the board of directors of Rowan Companies plc.

Each restricted share unit vests on the earlier of the first anniversary of the date of the grant or the date of the next annual general meeting of shareholders of Rowan Companies plc. Each restricted share unit settles upon vesting. Each restricted share unit settles in cash, Class A Ordinary Shares of Rowan Companies plc, or a combination thereof, at the discretion of the compensation committee of the board of directors of Rowan Companies plc.

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