Meadows Arnold Stephen Form 4 March 20, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

Washington, D.C. 20549

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obligations may continue. See Instruction

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Meadows Arnold Stephen

(First) (Middle)

504 THRASHER STREET

(Street)

NORCROSS, GA 30071

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Rock-Tenn CO [RKT]

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

03/18/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3.

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

X_ Officer (give title below) below)

Chief Accounting Officer

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

Code (Instr. 8)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Class A Common

Stock

D 7,500

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. Transactic 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.43	03/18/2009		A	4,300	03/18/2009(1)	03/18/2019	Class A Common Stock	4,300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships	
Topolong of the Fund of Fundament	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Meadows Arnold Stephen 504 THRASHER STREET NORCROSS, GA 30071			Chief Accounting Officer	

Signatures

Steven C. Voorhees (attorney-in-fact pursuant to power of attorney filed previously with SEC)

03/20/2009

**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) Options will vest in 1/3 increments on 03/18/2010, 03/18/2011 and 03/18/2012.

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