#### **ROWAN COMPANIES INC**

Form 4

August 10, 2007

# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

OMB Number:

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

3235-0287

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

CROYLE ROBERT G			Symbol					Issuer				
			ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]				[RDC]	(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date o	3. Date of Earliest Transaction								
2000 BOOT		CI HEE		Day/Year)				_X_ Director 10% Owner				
2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 5450			08/08/2	08/08/2007				Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
	(Street)		4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Mo	nth/Day/Yea	ur)			Applicable Line)				
HOUSTON	I, TX 77056							_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Secur or(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Communication				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	08/08/2007			S	2,000	D	\$ 39.57	115,274	D			
Common Stock	08/08/2007			S	1,200	D	\$ 39.58	114,074	D			
Common Stock	08/08/2007			S	700	D	\$ 39.59	113,374	D			
Common Stock	08/08/2007			S	861	D	\$ 39.6	112,513	D			
Common Stock	08/08/2007			S	2,484	D	\$ 39.61	110,029	D			

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Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	2,655	D	\$ 39.62 107,374	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	600	D	\$ 39.63 106,774	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	3,100	D	\$ 39.64 103,674	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	1,650	D	\$ 39.65 102,024	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	300	D	\$ 39.66 101,724	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	1,850	D	\$ 39.67 99,874	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	1,600	D	\$ 39.68 98,274	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	2,000	D	\$ 39.69 96,274	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	900	D	\$ 39.7 95,374	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	500	D	\$ 39.71 94,874	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	2,500	D	\$ 39.72 92,374	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	100	D	\$ 92,274	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	3,000	D	\$ 39.73 89,274	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	100	D	\$ 89,174	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	2,500	D	\$ 39.74 86,674	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	1,100	D	\$ 39.75 85,574	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	200	D	\$ 85,374	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	1,600	D	\$ 39.79 83,774	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	700	D	\$ 39.8 83,074	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	2,700	D	\$ 39.81 80,374	D
	08/08/2007	S	3,200	D	\$ 39.82 77,174	D

Common Stock							
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	1,300	D	\$ 39.83	75,874	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	1,300	D	\$ 39.84	74,574	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	4,716	D	\$ 39.85	69,858	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	100	D	\$ 39.859	69,758	D

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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)	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed	<b>:</b>	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 an	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
			of (D)					Trans (Instr
			(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					THIST
				Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amo or Title Num of	mber	
		Code V	(A) (D)			Shai	res	

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
CROYLE ROBERT G 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X							

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### **Signatures**

/s/ Melanie M. Trent, Attorney-in-Fact

08/10/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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