#### **HEARNE GRAHAM**

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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See Instruction

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **HEARNE GRAHAM** 

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner

Other (specify

2900 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE

5450

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

11/28/2008

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Officer (give title

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

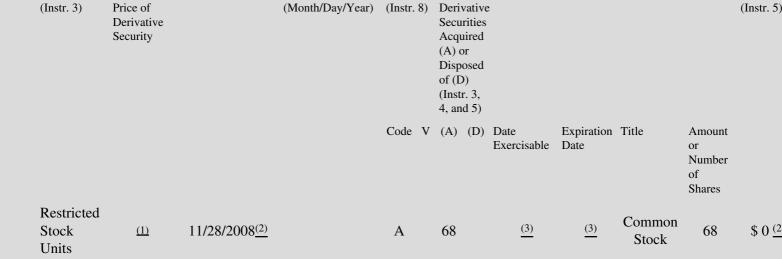
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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Derivati Security or Exercise any Code of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEARNE GRAHAM 2900 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X			

## **Signatures**

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

\*\*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) Each restricted stock unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (2) On November 28, 2008, the Company paid a dividend on its common stock. The Reporting Person received the number of restricted stock units shown above in connection with such dividend.
- (3) Vested shares are delivered to the reporting person after the final termination date of the reporting person's service as a director. At the election of the Compensation Committee, such payment may be made in cash or common stock of the Company.

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