KELLER MARK A Form 4 May 10, 2010

# FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KELLER MARK A			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]						(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction										
2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 5450			(Month/Day/Year) 05/08/2010						Director 10% Owner Nother (specify below) below)  Executive V.P Business Dev.			
HOUSTON,	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - No	n-D	erivative :	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) Executio any (Month/I			Code	Fransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Instr. 8)  (A) or			d of (D) 5)  Price	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)	
Common Stock	05/08/2010			F		946 (1)	D	\$ 26.94	147,116 (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)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed		ate	Amou Under Securi	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans
				of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
				4, and 3)	Date	Expiration		Amount		
			Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KELLER MARK A 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056

Executive V.P. - Business Dev.

### **Signatures**

/s/ Melanie M. Trent, Attorney-in-Fact 05/10/2010

\*\*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 sold to the company in payment of a tax liability due to the vesting of restricted stock awarded to the reporting person. Such restricted stock vested on May 8, 2010.
- (2) Sales price is the average of the high and low sales price on May 7, 2010.
- (3) Includes 74,803 shares of restricted stock held by the reporting person and 4,444 shares held in his savings plan account.

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