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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Ordinary

Shares

05/04/2012

(Print or Type Responses)

	d Address of Reporting clanie Montague	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROWAN COMPANIES PLC [RDC]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) 2800 PO 5450	(First) (I	Middle) 3. Date of (Month/E	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2012			[RDC]	(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, CAO & Corporate Secretary			
HOUSTO	(Street) ON, TX 77056		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			
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	rities Acq	Person uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitor(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d 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			Code	1 175	(D)	\$				

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $33.72 \quad 33,221 \stackrel{(3)}{=}$

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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)

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(2)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Trent Melanie Montague 2800 POST OAK BLVD **SUITE 5450** HOUSTON, TX 77056

SVP, CAO & Corporate Secretary

Signatures

Reporting Person

/s/ Melanie M.

Trent 05/08/2012 **Signature of Date

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- 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 surrendered to an affiliated employee benefit trust for tax payment upon vesting of restricted shares on May 4, 2012.
- (2) Sales price is the volume weighted average price on May 4, 2012.
- (3) Includes 21,011 shares of restricted stock held by the reporting person as of May 4, 2012.

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