BUVENS JOHN L Form 4 March 11, 2013

FORM 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** BUVENS JOHN L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			ROWAN COMPANIES PLC [RDC]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	•			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 5450 (Street)		SUITE	03/07/2013	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive V.P Legal			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			

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(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Secu	ırities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities on(A) or Dispos (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and	sed of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	(A or Amount (D) Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Ordinary Shares	03/07/2013		F	1,590 D	\$ 34.5 (2)	108,296 (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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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BUVENS JOHN L 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056

Executive V.P. - Legal

Signatures

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

03/11/2013

**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 surrendered to an affiliated employee benefit trust for tax payment upon vesting of restricted shares on March 7, 2013.
- (2) Sales price is the volume weighted average price on March 7, 2013.
- (3) Includes 27,824 restricted shares held by the reporting person.

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