ROWAN COMPANIES INC

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

QUICKE JOHN J

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/22/2009

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P., Â 590 MADISON **AVENUE. 32ND FLOOR**

(Street)

10% Owner _X_ Director Officer

(Check all applicable)

Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

NEW YORK. NYÂ 10022

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

(I)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect

(Instr. 5)

Common Stock, par value \$0.125

0

Â $\mathbf{D}^{(1)}$

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Amount or Security Direct (D)

Exercisable Date Number of Shares (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

QUICKE JOHN J

C/O STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P.
590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10022

Signatures

/s/ Quicke, John
J. 01/26/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

The Reporting Person is a member of a Section 13(d) group with respect to the securities of the Issuer that beneficially owns 10,080,855 (1) shares of Common Stock as of the date hereof. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities beneficially owned by the other members of the group except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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