ROWAN COMPANIES INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **QUICKE JOHN J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Check all applicable)

C/O STEEL PARTNERS II,

(First)

32ND FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/22/2009

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

L.P., 590 MADISON AVENUE,

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10022

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

1. Title of Derivative

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)			(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Secu (Instr
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	01/22/2009		A	1,000		(2)	(2)	Common Stock, par value \$0.125	1,000	\$

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other

QUICKE JOHN J C/O STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P. X 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022

Signatures

/s/ Quicke, John 01/26/2009 J. **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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 represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock.

The Restricted Stock Units vest on the date of the Issuer's next annual meeting of stockholders. Vested shares (and any accrued dividends) will be delivered to the Reporting Person after the final termination date of the Reporting Person's service on the Issuer's

Board of Directors. At the election of the Compensation Committee, such payout may be made in cash or shares of Common Stock.

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