

ROWAN COMPANIES PLC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 \*  
SZEWS CHARLES L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2800 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 5450

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ROWAN COMPANIES PLC [RDC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

08/22/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				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 Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Underlying Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Share Units	(1)	08/22/2016	A		8,838		(2)	(2)	Class A Ordinary Shares	8,838

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SZEWS CHARLES L 2800 POST OAK BLVD. SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Melanie M. Trent,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 08/23/2016

\_\_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) Each restricted share unit represents a contingent right to receive one Class A Ordinary Share of Rowan Companies plc.

The restricted share units vest on the earlier of the first anniversary date of the grant or the date of the next annual meeting of shareholders. Vested shares (including any dividends) will be delivered to the reporting person after the final termination date of the

(2) reporting person's service on the Board of Directors. At the election of the Compensation Committee, such payout may be made in cash or shares. Upon election to the Board of Directors, the new director received a pro-rated annual grant equal to \$116,667 of restricted share units. The number of restricted share units reported is calculated using the fair market value of \$13.20 on August 22, 2016.

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