

Albrecht William E  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Albrecht William E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ROWAN COMPANIES PLC [RDC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2800 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 5450

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/24/2018

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

(Street)  
HOUSTON, TX 77056

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Class A Ordinary Shares         | 05/24/2018                           |  | M                              |   | 15,111 A \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>  | 25,306   | D                                 |
| Class A Ordinary Shares         | 05/24/2018                           |  | F                              |   | 786 <sup>(2)</sup> D \$ 15.92 <sup>(3)</sup>  | 24,520   | 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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                         |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                   | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Share Units                     | (4)  | 05/24/2018                           |  | M                              |   | 15,111   | (5) (5)   | Class A Ordinary Shares | 15,111                     |
| Deferred Restricted Share Units            | (6)  | 05/25/2018                           |  | A                              |   | 13,080   | (7) (7)   | Class A Ordinary Shares | 13,080                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Albrecht William E<br>2800 POST OAK BLVD.<br>SUITE 5450<br>HOUSTON, TX 77056 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Ryan Tarkington,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/29/2018

\*\*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) Restricted share units converted into Class A Ordinary Shares on a one-to-one basis pursuant to the election of the compensation committee of the board of directors of Rowan Companies plc.
- (2) These shares were surrendered for tax payment upon vesting of restricted share units on May 24, 2018.
- (3) Sales price is the fair market value on Thursday, May 24, 2018.
- (4) Each restricted share unit represents a contingent right to receive cash, one Class A Ordinary Share of Rowan Companies plc, or a combination thereof, at the discretion of the compensation committee of the board of directors of Rowan Companies plc.

- (5) Each restricted share unit vests on the earlier of the first anniversary of the date of the grant or the date of the next annual general meeting of shareholders of Rowan Companies plc. Each restricted share unit settles upon vesting. Each restricted share unit settles in cash, Class A Ordinary Shares of Rowan Companies plc, or a combination thereof, at the discretion of the compensation committee of the board of directors of Rowan Companies plc.

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- (6) Each deferred restricted share unit represents a contingent right to receive cash, one Class A Ordinary Share of Rowan Companies plc, or a combination thereof, at the discretion of the compensation committee of the board of directors of Rowan Companies plc.

Each deferred restricted share unit vests on the earlier of the first anniversary of the date of the grant or the date of the next annual general meeting of shareholders of Rowan Companies plc. Each deferred restricted share unit settles upon the termination of the reporting

- (7) person's service on the board of directors of Rowan Companies plc. Each restricted share unit settles in cash, Class A Ordinary Shares of Rowan Companies plc, or a combination thereof, at the discretion of the compensation committee of the board of directors of Rowan Companies plc.

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