HIX THOMAS R Form 4

March 29, 2019 FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

HIX THOMAS R				Symbol ROWAN COMPANIES PLC [RDC]					Issuer			
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)			
2800 POST OAK BLVD.,, SUITE 5450			(Month/Day/Year) 03/27/2019					X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
	(Street) 4			4. If Ame	endment, Da	ate Origina	l		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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HOUSTON, TX 77056									_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
	(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									ly Owned	
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Executio any	med n Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or		l of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
	Class A Ordinary Shares	03/27/2019			Code V M	Amount 54,073 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0 (2)	83,593	D		
	Class A Ordinary Shares	03/27/2019			F	5,104 (3)	D	\$ 11.15 (2) (4)	78,489	D		
	Class A Ordinary Shares	03/27/2019			D	27,037	D	\$ 11.15 (2) (4)	51,452	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	TransactionDerivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. F Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Share Units	<u>(5)</u>	03/27/2019		M		54,073	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Class A Ordinary Shares	54,073	

Reporting Owners

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

HIX THOMAS R 2800 POST OAK BLVD., **SUITE 5450** HOUSTON, TX 77056

X

Signatures

/s/ Mark F. Mai, Attorney-in-Fact

03/29/2019

**Signature of 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).
- Pursuant to the approval by the compensation committee of the Board of Directors (the "Compensation Committee") of Rowan Companies plc. (the "Company"), on March 27, 2019, the Reporting Person's restricted share units were accelerated in full.
- Each restricted share unit represents a contingent right to receive cash, one Class A Ordinary Share of the Company, or a combination thereof, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee of the Company. On March 27, 2019, the Compensation Committee approved the Reporting Person's settlement to be 50% in Class A Ordinary Shares on a one-to-one basis and 50% in cash less the amount necessary to cover taxes, which was settled through shares being forfeited.
- (3) These shares were surrendered for tax payment upon vesting of restricted share units on March 27, 2019.
- Sales price is the fair market value on Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

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- (5) Each restricted share unit represents a contingent right to receive cash, one Class A Ordinary Share of the Company, or a combination thereof, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee.
- 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

 (6) of shareholders of the Company. Each restricted share unit settles upon vesting. Each restricted share unit settles in cash, Class A

 Ordinary Shares of the Company, or a combination thereof, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee.

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