#### **ROWAN COMPANIES INC**

Form 4

August 10, 2007

# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

CROYLE ROBERT G			Symbol ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]				I	Issuer (Check all applicable)				
							RDC]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of	of Earliest	Tı	ransaction				•••		
				Day/Year	)			-	_X_ Director		Owner	
2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 5450			08/08/2	08/08/2007				- l	Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Noi	n-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution any	emed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A on Date, if Transactior Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  /Day/Year) (Instr. 8)			(D)	5. Amount of 6. 7. Nat Securities Ownership Indire Beneficially Form: Benef Owned Direct (D) Owne Following or Indirect (Instr.					
				Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	(msu. 1)	
Common Stock	08/08/2007			S		900	D	\$ 38.779	74,058	D		
Common Stock	08/08/2007			S		300	D	\$ 38.789	73,759	D		
Common Stock	08/08/2007			S		1,064	D	\$ 38.84	72,694	D		
Common Stock	08/08/2007			S		1,800	D	\$ 38.85	70,894	D		
Common Stock	08/08/2007			S		1,400	D	\$ 38.86	69,494	D		

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Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	236	D	\$ 38.87	69,258	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	200	D	\$ 38.89	69,058	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	200	D	\$ 38.9	68,858	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	200	D	\$ 38.91	68,658	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	900	D	\$ 38.93	67,758	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	1,500	D	\$ 38.94	66,258	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	3,700	D	\$ 38.95	62,558	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	1,100	D	\$ 38.96	61,458	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	100	D	\$ 38.965	61,358	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	2,000	D	\$ 38.97	59,358	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	C	35,009 (1)	A	\$ 28.25	94,367	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	C	16,807 (2)	A	\$ 29.75	111,174	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	M	60,000	A	\$ 32	171,174	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	M	23,300	A	\$ 24.98	194,474	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	200	D	\$ 38.98	194,274	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	100	D	\$ 38.99	194,174	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	100	D	\$ 38.995	194,074	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	600	D	\$ 38.999	193,474	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	1,825	D	\$ 39	191,649	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	100	D	\$ 39.005	191,549	D
	08/08/2007	S	500	D		191,049	D

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Common Stock					\$ 39.009		
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	2,975	D	\$ 39.01	188,074	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	200	D	\$ 39.029	187,874	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	500	D		187,374	D
Common Stock	08/08/2007	S	2,700	D	\$ 39.05	184,674	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 actionDerivative Securities 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of
Convertible Debenture	\$ 28.25	08/08/2007		C		\$ 989,000	04/27/2001(1)	04/27/2010	Common Stock	3:
Convertible Debenture	\$ 29.75	08/08/2007		C		\$ 500,000	04/24/1999(2)	04/24/2008	Common Stock	10
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 32	08/08/2007		M		60,000	04/26/2002(3)	04/26/2011	Common Stock	6
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 24.98	08/08/2007		M		23,300	05/17/2006(4)	05/17/2015	Common Stock	23

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CROYLE ROBERT G 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056



## **Signatures**

/s/ Melanie M. Trent, Attorney-in-Fact

08/10/2007

\*\*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) This transaction relates to the conversion of a \$989,000 convertible debenture issued on April 27, 2000. Such debenture became exercisable in four equal annual installments commencing on the anniversary date of grant and had a ten year term.
- (2) This transaction relates to the conversion of a \$500,000 convertible debenture issued on April 24, 1998. Such debenture became exercisable in four equal annual installments commencing on the anniversary date of grant and had a ten year term.
- (3) This option vested in four equal annual installments commencing on April 26, 2002.
  - This terms of this option provided for vesting in four annual installments commencing on May 17, 2006; however, upon the reporting
- (4) person's retirement from the company, the vesting of all remaining unvested stock options held by the reporting person was accelerated to December 31, 2006.

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