

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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HIX THOMAS R**

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)  
08/26/2014

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security
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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 5)
		Code V	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Share Units (RSUs)	<u>(1)</u> 08/26/2014 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	102
				Class A Ordinary Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HIX THOMAS R 2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X			

## Signatures

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

08/28/2014

\_\_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 (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one Class A Ordinary Share of Rowan Companies plc.
- (2) On August 26, 2014, the Company paid a dividend of \$0.10 per share on its Class A Ordinary Shares. The Reporting Person received the number of restricted share units shown above in lieu of such cash dividend.
- Upon forfeiture of an annual RSU award prior to vesting, any RSUs credited to the Reporting Person in lieu of cash dividends with respect to such forfeited RSUs are also forfeited. RSUs are settled after the final termination date of the Reporting Person's service as a director. At the election of the Compensation Committee, such settlement may be made in cash or common shares of the Company.

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