ROWAN COMPANIES PLC

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Smith Newton Pharr			2. Issuer Symbol	r Name and	Ticker or Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
			ROWA	N COMP	'ANIES PLC [RDC]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of	f Earliest Ti	ransaction					
			(Month/D	ay/Year)		Director	109	6 Owner		
2800 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE			02/26/20	015		_X_ Officer (given by the second of the seco		er (specify		
5450						below) below) Senior Vice President				
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(Street)			4. If Ame	ndment, Da	ate Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)				
			Filed(Mor	nth/Day/Year	r)					
					X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
HOUSTON, TX 77056						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner							
1.Title of	2. Transaction D	ate 2A. Dee	emed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of		
Security	(Month/Day/Yea	ar) Executi	on Date, if	Transacti	on(A) or Disposed of	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any		Code	(D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		

(Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Ordinary 22,257 02/26/2015 Α Α \$0 $64,375 \frac{(3)}{}$ D (2) Shares (1)

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)

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Smith Newton Pharr 2800 POST OAK BLVD. SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Melanie M. Trent, attorney-in-fact

03/02/2015

**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) Represents restricted share units which may be settled soley in ordinary shares upon vesting.
- (2) The restricted share units vest ratably over a three year period.
- (3) Includes 58,517 restricted shares and restricted share units held by the reporting person.

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