ROWAN COMPANIES PLC

Form 4 March 05, 2015

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

obligations may continue. See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Nimocks Suzanne P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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3. Date of Earliest Transaction

ROWAN COMPANIES PLC [RDC]

(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner

Other (specify

03/03/2015

2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Officer (give title

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

5450

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

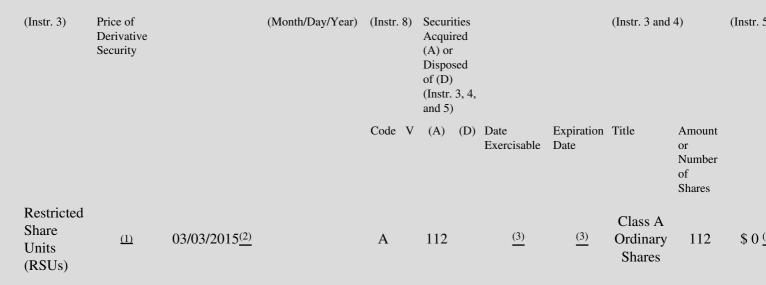
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4. Transactionof Code

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount **Expiration Date** of Underlying Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Securities

8. Price Derivat Securit

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Nimocks Suzanne P 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Melanie M. Trent, Attorney-in-Fact 03/05/2015

**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) Each restricted share unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one Class A Ordinary Share of Rowan Companies plc.
- (2) On March 3, 2015, 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 forefeiture 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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