Burke Thomas Peter Form 4 March 05, 2018

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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).

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **Burke Thomas Peter** Issuer Symbol ROWAN COMPANIES PLC [RDC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 03/01/2018 below) 5450 President & CEO

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned

> Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Class A 40,470 \$0 D **Ordinary** 03/01/2018 Α $812,359 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ (1) Shares

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Burke Thomas Peter							
2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 5450	X		President & CEO				
HOUSTON, TX 77056							

Signatures

/s/ Ryan Tarkington, Attorney-in-Fact 03/05/2018

**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 solely in Class A Ordinary Shares of the Company upon vesting and vest ratably over a three-year period.
- (2) Includes 578,447 restricted share units held by the reporting person.

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