

Bartol John Kevin  
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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 \*  
**Bartol John Kevin**

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  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/06/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, CFO and Treasurer

HOUSTON, TX 77056  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	03/06/2013		A		12,810 <sup>(2)</sup> \$ 0	62,176 <sup>(3)</sup>	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)**

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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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 34.35	03/06/2013		A	26,070	03/06/2014 <sup>(4)</sup> 03/06/2023	Ordinary Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bartol John Kevin 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056			EVP, CFO and Treasurer	

## Signatures

/s/ Melanie M. Trent,  
attorney-in-fact  
Date: 03/08/2013

\*\*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 ordinary shares upon vesting.
- (2) The restricted share units vest ratably over a three year period.
- (3) Includes 33,235 restricted shares and restricted share units held by the reporting person.
- (4) The stock appreciation rights vest ratably over a three year period.

### Remarks:

Awards included in this report do not include restricted share units and share appreciation rights to be granted to the reporting person.

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