BALDWIN DENNIS S

Form 4

December 20, 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(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

BALDWIN DENNIS S			Symbol	Issuer				
			ROWAN COMPANIES PLC [RDC]	(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner				
2800 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 5450			12/18/2018	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
3430				Chief Accounting Officer				
	(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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
HOUSTON, TX 77056								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	cquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed 3. Transaction Execution Date, if any (Instr. 8) (Month/Day/Year)		(<i>A</i>	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	/ А	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Class A Ordinary Shares	12/18/2018		F(1)(2)(3)		3,050 1) (2)	D	\$ 8.965 (4)	33,943 (5)	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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						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BALDWIN DENNIS S 2800 POST OAK BLVD. SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056

Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

/s/ Ryan Tarkington, Attorney-in-Fact

12/20/2018

**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).

On December 18, 2018, the compensation committee (the "Committee") of the board of directors of the Issuer considered the potential adverse tax consequences to the Issuer and to certain of the executive officers of the Company, including Mr. Baldwin (collectively, the "Impacted Officers"), under Sections 280G and 4999 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, as amended, resulting from the treatment of potential payments that may be made pursuant to the Change in Control Agreement between the Issuer and each of the Impacted Officers in connection with the merger contemplated by the Transaction Agreement, dated as of October 7, 2018, between the Issuer and Ensco plc.

- In order to mitigate the potential adverse tax consequences, the Committee has converted all outstanding restricted share units previously awarded to Mr. Baldwin under the Issuer's Amended and Restated 2013 Rowan Companies plc Incentive Plan (each, a "RSU Award") to restricted shares (the "Restricted Shares"). Each such Restricted Share will vest in accordance, and subject to, the terms and conditions of the underlying RSU Award from which it was converted.
- In order to satisfy certain tax liabilities of Mr. Baldwin in connection with his election under Section 83(b) of the Code with respect to the acquisition of the Restricted Shares, the Committee accelerated the vesting of and withheld Restricted Shares with a fair market value equal to the employment and income tax liability imposed on such Restricted Shares.
- (4) Sales price is the fair market value on December 18, 2018.
- (5) Includes 24,998 Restricted Shares held by the reporting person.

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