

ROWAN COMPANIES INC

Form 4

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|---|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
| KELLER MARK A | | | ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC] | (Check all applicable) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | | |
| 2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 5450 | | | 05/09/2008 | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Executive V.P. - Business Dev. | | |
| HOUSTON, TX 77056 | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | |

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 05/09/2008 | | F | | 946 (1) | D | \$ 39.22 |
| | | | | | 64,546 (2) | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| | | Code V (A) (D) | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KELLER MARK A 2800 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TX 77056 | | | Executive V.P. - Business Dev. | |

Signatures

Melanie. M. Trent,
Attorney-in-Fact 05/13/2008

**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) Shares disposed of were in payment of tax liability incident to the vesting of restricted stock awarded to the reporting person.
- (2) Includes 4,276 shares held in the reporting person's savings plan account as of April 30, 2008 and 20,066 shares of restricted stock held by the reporting person.

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