

ROWAN COMPANIES INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
ECKERMANN DAN C

(Last) (First) (Middle)
811 ESTES DRIVE
(Street)

LONGVIEW, TX 75602

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ROWAN COMPANIES INC [RDC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/19/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP - Manufacturing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/19/2008		C ⁽¹⁾	21,333 A \$ 14.0625	64,108 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008		C ⁽³⁾	20,000 A \$ 28.25	84,108 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008		S	14,917 D \$ 46.31	69,191 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008		S	4,112 D \$ 46.4	65,079 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2008		S	3,505 D \$ 46.42	61,574 ⁽²⁾	D	

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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 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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Convertible Debenture ⁽¹⁾	\$ 14.0625	05/19/2008		C		\$ 300,000		04/24/2000 ⁽⁴⁾	04/24/2009	Common Stock	21,333
Convertible Debentures ⁽³⁾	\$ 28.25	05/19/2008		C		\$ 565,000		04/27/2001 ⁽⁵⁾	04/27/2010	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ECKERMANN DAN C 811 ESTES DRIVE LONGVIEW, TX 75602			VP - Manufacturing	

Signatures

/s/ Melanie M. Trent,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/20/2008

**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) The reporting person converted certain convertible debentures on May 19, 2008 at a conversion price of \$14.0625 per share, resulting in the acquisition of 21,333 shares of common stock.
- (2) Includes 17,774 shares of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- (3) The reporting person converted certain convertible debentures on May 19, 2008 at a conversion price of \$28.25 per share, resulting in the acquisition of 20,000 shares of common stock.

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(4) This debenture became exercisable in four equal installments on April 24, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

(5) This debenture became exercisable in four equal installments on April 27, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

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