

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 INC [RDC]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 5450

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/11/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Strategic Planning

(Street)  
 HOUSTON, TX 77056

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/11/2009		F	869 <sup>(1)</sup> D	13.485 <sup>(2)</sup> 10,357 <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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Table with 10 columns: 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).

### Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Reporting Owner: Bartol John Kevin, 2800 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 5450, HOUSTON, TX 77056. Relationship: VP, Strategic Planning.

### Signatures

/s/ Melanie M. Trent, Attorney-in-Fact, 04/13/2009. \*\*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) These shares were sold to the company in payment of a tax liability due to the vesting of restricted stock awarded to the reporting person. Such restricted stock vested on April 11, 2009.
(2) Sales price is the average of the high and low stock price on April 9, 2009.
(3) Includes 7,572 shares of restricted stock held by the reporting person.

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