

WHEELER PATRICK GLYN  
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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 \*  
WHEELER PATRICK GLYN

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)  
12/12/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Assistant Treasurer

(Street)  
HOUSTON, TX 77056-6127

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/12/2005		M	1,675 A \$ 6.19	4,240 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2005		M	3,000 A \$ 15.25	7,240 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2005		M	8,000 A \$ 22	15,240 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2005		S	12,175 D \$ 38.8	3,065 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2005		S	500 D \$ 38.81	2,565 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	



## Explanation of Responses:

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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Includes 565 shares held in the Company's 401(k) plan as of November 30, 2005.
- (2) This option vests in four equal installments on April 25, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
- (3) This option vested in four equal installments on April 25, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.
- (4) This option vested in four equal installments on April 26, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

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