Riordan Thomas Form 4 May 12, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Riordan Thomas			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Rockwood Holdings, Inc. [ROC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
C/O ROCKWOOD HOLDINGS, INC., 100 OVERLOOK CENTER			(Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2010	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specification) below) Senior VP,Law & Administration		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
PRINCETON, NJ 08540			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-L	Derivative (Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transactior(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			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, par value \$0.01	05/10/2010		M	30,000	A	\$ 14.61	79,319	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)	ansaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of th/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.61	05/10/2010		M	30,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/02/2011	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Riordan Thomas C/O ROCKWOOD HOLDINGS, INC. 100 OVERLOOK CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540

Senior VP, Law & Administration

Signatures

/s/ Thomas
Riordan

**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 options were granted on February 2, 2001 and vest 10% on each of the first and second anniversary of the vesting date, 25% on each of the third and fourth anniversary of the vesting date and 30% on the fifth anniversary of the vesting date.

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