

Riordan Thomas
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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 *
 Riordan Thomas

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Rockwood Holdings, Inc. [ROC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O ROCKWOOD HOLDINGS, INC., 100 OVERLOOK CENTER

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/09/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, Law & Administration

(Street)
 PRINCETON, NJ 08540

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	09/09/2010		M	6,845 A	\$ 14.61	56,164	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	09/09/2010		F	3,571 D	\$ 28	52,593	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	09/09/2010		M	6,845 A	\$ 14.61	59,438	D
Common Stock, par	09/09/2010		F	3,571 D	\$ 28	55,867	D

value \$0.01

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.61	09/09/2010		M	6,845	<u>(1)</u> 02/02/2011	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	6,845
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.61	09/09/2010		M	6,845	<u>(2)</u> 10/15/2014	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	6,845

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			SVP, Law & Administration	

Signatures

/s/ Thomas J. Riordan
09/13/2010
Date

__Signature of
Reporting Person

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 vested 10% on each of the first and second anniversary of the grant date, 25% on each of the third and fourth anniversary of the grant date and 30% on the fifth anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) These options were granted on October 15, 2004 and vested in five equal annual installments beginning October 15, 2005.

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