

Riordan Thomas
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Riordan Thomas

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ROCKWOOD HOLDINGS,
INC., 100 OVERLOOK CENTER

(Street)

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

Rockwood Holdings, Inc. [ROC]

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

03/13/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Sen. VP, Law & Administration

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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, par value \$0.01	03/13/2012		M		29,536	A	\$ 9.18
							135,466
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	03/13/2012		S		29,536	D	\$ 50.7578
							105,930

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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)	\$ 9.18	03/13/2012		M	29,536	(2) 12/12/2015	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	29,536

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			Sen. VP, Law & Administration	

Signatures

/s/ Thomas J.
Riordan

03/15/2012

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).

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at share prices ranging from \$50.70 to \$51.0017. The price reported above reflects the
(1) weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(2) These time-based options were granted on December 12, 2008 and vested in three equal annual installments beginning on December 31, 2009.

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