

Riordan Thomas  
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**FORM 4**

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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

(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)  
 09/09/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 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<br>C/O ROCKWOOD HOLDINGS, INC.<br>100 OVERLOOK CENTER<br>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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