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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *_ Riordan Thomas			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			Rockwood Holdings, Inc. [ROC]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
C/O ROCKWOOD HOLDINGS, INC., 100 OVERLOOK CENTER			12/03/2012	X Officer (give title Other (specify		
				below) Sen VP, Law & Administration		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit boor Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of (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	12/03/2012		M	9,700	A	\$ 14.61	115,630	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	12/03/2012		S	9,700	D	\$ 46.306 (1)	105,930	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	12/05/2012		M	17,901	A	\$ 14.61	123,831	D	

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Common					¢		
Stock, par	12/05/2012	C	17 001	Ъ	φ 46 2056	105 020	D
value	12/03/2012	3	17,901	ע	46.2856	103,930	D
\$0.01					(2)		

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.61	12/03/2012		M	9,700	(3)	10/15/2014	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	9,700
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.61	12/05/2012		M	17,901	(3)	10/15/2014	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	17,901

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

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Signatures

/s/ Thomas J. Riordan 12/05/2012

**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 \$46.25 to \$46.49. The price reported above reflects the 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at share prices ranging from \$46.25 to \$46.54. The price reported above reflects the 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.
- These performance-based options were granted on October 15, 2004 and vested in five equal annual installments in 2009 pursuant to achievement of certain specified performance-based targets.

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