

Zatta Robert J
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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 *
 Zatta Robert J

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)
 12/15/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior VP & CFO

(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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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | 12/15/2010 | | M | | 10,000 | A | \$ 14.61 76,478 |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | 12/15/2010 | | M | | 3,868 | A | \$ 14.61 80,346 |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | 12/15/2010 | | M | | 6,132 | A | \$ 14.61 86,478 |

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|---|------------|---|--------|---|-----------------------------|--------|---|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | 12/15/2010 | S | 20,000 | D | \$ 41.4006 <u>(1)</u> | 66,478 | D |
|---|------------|---|--------|---|-----------------------------|--------|---|

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 | 12/15/2010 | | M | 10,000 | <u>(2)</u> 10/15/2014 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 10,000 |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 14.61 | 12/15/2010 | | M | 3,868 | <u>(3)</u> 09/15/2011 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 3,868 |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 14.61 | 12/15/2010 | | M | 6,132 | <u>(4)</u> 09/15/2011 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 6,132 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Zatta Robert J C/O ROCKWOOD HOLDINGS, INC. | | | Senior VP & | |

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PRINCETON, NJ 08540

CFO

Signatures

/s/ Robert J.
Zatta

12/17/2010

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) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at share prices ranging from \$41.2628 to \$41.7000. 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 pursuant to the terms of a trading plan under SEC Rule 10b5-1.

(2) These performance-based options were granted on October 15, 2004 and vested 20% on each anniversary of the grant date and expire on October 15, 2014.

(3) These performance-based options were granted on September 15, 2001 and vested 20% on each anniversary of the grant date and expire on September 15, 2011.

(4) These time-based options were granted on September 15, 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 and expire on September 15, 2011.

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