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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Rice Brian J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD [RCL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2009

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below) EVP, Finance & CFO

ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD, 1050 CARIBBEAN WAY

(State)

(First)

(Street) 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

Issuer

MIAMI, FL 33132

(City)

Stock

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)	on(A) or D	A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/11/2009		F	1,165 (1)	D	\$ 6.875 (2)	142,406	D	

Common

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

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amount	t of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Exercisable					
				C + V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Rice Brian J ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD 1050 CARIBBEAN WAY **MIAMI, FL 33132**

EVP, Finance & CFO

Signatures

/s/ Richard Montes de Oca, Attorney-in-Fact for Brian J. Rice

02/13/2009

**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).
- Represents the number of shares of common stock withheld by the issuer to cover the reporting person's tax liability associated with the **(1)** vesting of 4,406 shares underlying certain restricted stock units on 2/11/09.
- (2) Represents the average of the high and low prices for the issuer's common stock on the NYSE on 2/11/2009.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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