

ARONSON BERNARD W
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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 *
ARONSON BERNARD W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD [RCL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/10/2009

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

ACON INVESTMENTS LLC, 1133 CONNECTICUT AVE., N.W., SUITE 700

(Street)

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

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

WASHINGTON, DC 20031

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/10/2009		A	8,259 ₍₂₎ A \$ 0 ₍₃₎	13,220	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)

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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 (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
Option to Purchase Common Stock ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 7.265 ⁽⁵⁾	02/10/2009		A	8,578	<u>(6)</u> 02/10/2019	Common Stock	8,578

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ARONSON BERNARD W ACON INVESTMENTS LLC 1133 CONNECTICUT AVE., N.W., SUITE 700 WASHINGTON, DC 20031	X			

Signatures

/s/ Richard Montes de Oca, Attorney-in-Fact for Bernard W. Aronson

02/11/2009

⁽⁶⁾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) The reporting person was granted restricted stock units under the Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. 2008 Equity Incentive Plan.
 - (2) Represents the maximum number of shares of common stock underlying the restricted stock units, which vest as follows: 2,065 on each of 2/10/2010, 2/10/2011 and 2/10/2012 and 2,064 on 2/10/2013.
 - (3) The restricted stock units were granted to the reporting person without payment thereof as compensation for serving as a director of the issuer.
 - (4) The reporting person was granted the option under the Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. 2008 Equity Incentive Plan.
 - (5) Represents the average of the high and low prices for the issuer's common stock on the NYSE on 2/10/2009.
 - (6) The option is exercisable as follows: 2,145 on each of 2/10/2010 and 2/10/2011 and 2,144 on each of 2/10/2012 and 2/10/2013.
 - (7) The option was granted without payment thereof as compensation for serving as a director of the issuer.

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