

ROWAN COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
June 26, 2009

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 25, 2009

ROWAN COMPANIES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

|   |                          |                                      |
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| DELAWARE  | 1-5491                   | 75-0759420                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission file Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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|---|------------|
| 2800 POST OAK BOULEVARD<br>SUITE 5450<br>HOUSTON, TEXAS | 77056-6189 |
| (Address of principal executive offices)                | (zip code) |

(713) 621-7800  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240-14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240-13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 8.01:

On June 25, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing the decision to recommence construction of the third 240C class jack-up drilling rig. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Exhibit Description   |
|----------------|---|
| 99.1           | <u>Press release of Rowan Companies, Inc. dated June 25, 2009</u> |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ROWAN COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ W. H. Wells  
W. H. Wells,  
Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: June 25, 2009

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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