

ROWAN COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 27, 2012

**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): March 27, 2012**

**ROWAN COMPANIES, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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

<b>2800 POST OAK BOULEVARD</b>	
<b>SUITE 5450</b>	
<b>HOUSTON, TEXAS</b>	<b>77056</b>
<b>(Address of principal executive offices)</b>	<b>(zip code)</b>

**(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))**

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01:

The Monthly Fleet Status Report for Rowan Companies, Inc., as of March 27, 2012, is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

Rowan Companies, Inc. confirmed that an incident occurred on Sunday, March 25, 2012 on the Total E&P UK (“Total”) wellhead platform in the Elgin Field in the North Sea, resulting in a gas release. Total is working to control the release. The Rowan Viking has been working on the platform, and all Rowan and Total personnel have been safely evacuated.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
99.1	Monthly Fleet Status Report at March 27, 2012

**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/ William H. Wells  
William H. Wells  
Senior Vice President – CFO and Treasurer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: March 27, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

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