

ROWAN COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
July 15, 2004

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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): July 15, 2004

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

DELAWARE  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-5491**  
(Commission file Number)

**75-0759420**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2800 Post Oak Boulevard  
Suite 5450  
Houston, Texas 77056-6127  
(Address of principal executive office, including zip code)

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

**Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The following information is disclosed pursuant to Item 5 Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

A press release of Rowan Companies, Inc. dated July 15, 2004 entitled "Rowan is Awarded Deep Shelf Drilling Contract" is attached as Exhibit 99.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Exhibit Description</u>
99	Press release of Rowan Companies, Inc. dated July 15, 2004

**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.**

Date: July 15, 2004

By: /s/ E. E. THIELE

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E. E. THIELE  
Senior Vice President - Administration and Finance and  
Principal Financial Officer

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