

ROWAN COMPANIES PLC  
Form 8-K  
March 25, 2013

**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 22, 2013**

**ROWAN COMPANIES plc**

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

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| <b>England and Wales</b>                              | <b>1-5491</b>                   | <b>98-1023315</b>                        |
| <b>(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)</b> | <b>(Commission file Number)</b> | <b>(IRS Employer Identification No.)</b> |

**2800 POST OAK BOULEVARD**  
**SUITE 5450**  
**HOUSTON, TEXAS 77056**  
**(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)**

**(713) 621-7800**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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**“ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)**

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**“ 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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On March 22, 2013, non-executive director, Robert G. Croyle, informed the Chairman of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Rowan Companies plc (the “Company”) of his intention to retire from the Board effective as of May 31, 2013. The Board anticipates that upon Mr. Croyle’s retirement, the size of the Board will be reduced from 10 to nine members. The Board would like to thank Mr. Croyle for his 40 years of loyal service to the Company, as a valued employee, officer and director and wishes him well in his retirement.

**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 plc

By: /s/ J. Kevin Bartol  
J. Kevin Bartol  
*Executive Vice President, CFO  
& Treasurer*  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: March 25, 2013