

ROWAN COMPANIES PLC  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**  
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**Rowan Companies plc**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to Be Held on April 25, 2014.**

**VOTE DEADLINE 11:59 p.m. (New York Time) on April 23, 2014**

***ROWAN COMPANIES PLC***

*ROWAN COMPANIES PLC*

*MITRE HOUSE*

*160 ALDERSGATE STREET*

*LONDON EC1A 4DD*

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual General Meeting

**For holders as of:** March 3, 2014

**Date:** April 25, 2014      **Time:** 8:00 a.m., London  
Time/3:00 a.m., New York Time

**Location:** The Four Seasons Hotel

Hamilton Place,

Park Lane, London

United Kingdom W1J7DR

**Directions:** For directions to the 2014 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, please call our Company Secretary at (713) 621-7800.

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are

available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

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**Before You Vote**  
How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

1. Notice and Proxy Statement (including the UK Directors Remuneration Report and the form of Proxy)
2. US Annual Report and UK Annual Accounts and Reports

**How to View Online:**

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:**

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- 1) *BY INTERNET*: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) *BY TELEPHONE*: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) *BY E-MAIL\**: [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 11, 2014 to facilitate timely delivery.

**How To Vote**  
Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to *www.proxyvote.com*. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the binding resolutions in proposals 1 through 11 and FOR the non-binding advisory votes in proposals 12 and 13:**

1. An ordinary resolution to elect Thomas P. Burke as a Class I Director for a term to expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2015.
2. An ordinary resolution to elect William T. Fox III as a Class I Director for a term to expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2015.
3. An ordinary resolution to elect Sir Graham Hearne as a Class I Director for a term to expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2015.
4. An ordinary resolution to elect Lord Moynihan as a Class II Director for a term to expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2015.
5. An ordinary resolution to elect John J. Quicke as a Class II Director for a term to expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2015.
6. An ordinary resolution to elect W. Matt Ralls as a Class II Director for a term to expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2015.
7. An ordinary resolution to elect Tore I. Sandvold as a Class II Director for a term to expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2015.
8. An ordinary resolution to ratify the Audit Committee's appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our U.S. independent registered public accounting firm for 2014.
9. An ordinary resolution to re-appoint Deloitte LLP as our U.K. statutory auditor under the U.K. Companies Act 2006 (to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company).
10. An ordinary resolution to authorize the Audit Committee to determine our U.K. statutory auditors' remuneration.
11. An ordinary resolution of a binding vote to approve Rowan Companies plc's Directors' Remuneration Policy (in accordance with requirements applicable to U.K. companies).

12. An ordinary resolution of a non-binding advisory vote to approve Rowan Companies plc's U.K. statutory Implementation Report for the year ended December 31, 2013 (in accordance with requirements applicable to U.K. companies).
  
13. An ordinary resolution of a non-binding advisory vote to approve Rowan Companies plc's named executive officer compensation as reported in this proxy statement (in accordance with requirements applicable to companies subject to SEC reporting requirements under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended).

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