

ROWAN COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 14, 2006

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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): **March 14, 2006**

**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**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77056-6127**  
(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 disclosed pursuant to Item 8.01- Other Events:

On March 14, 2006, Rowan Companies, Inc. issued a press release announcing two North Sea drilling contracts. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.

**Item 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit<br>Number | Exhibit Description  |
|-------------------|--|
| 99                | <u>Press release of Rowan Companies, Inc. dated March 14, 2006<br/>announcing two North Sea drilling contracts</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 Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: March 14, 2006

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