

ROWAN COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
October 23, 2008

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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): October 22, 2008

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

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

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|---|------------|
| 2800 POST OAK BOULEVARD<br>SUITE 5450<br>HOUSTON, TEXAS | 77056-6189 |
| (Address of principal executive offices)                | (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)
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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))
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01:

The Offshore and Land Rig Fleet and Contract Status Reports for Rowan Companies, Inc., each as of October 22, 2008, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and 99.2.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Exhibit Description   |
|----------------|---|
| 99.1           | <u>Offshore Rig Fleet and Contract Status at October 22, 2008</u> |
| 99.2           | <u>Land Rig Fleet and Contract Status at October 22, 2008</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 Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: October 22, 2008

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