ROWAN COMPANIES INC Form SC 13D/A February 20, 2009

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D (Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 14)1

Rowan Companies, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.125 (Title of Class of Securities)

779382100 (CUSIP Number)

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February 18, 2009 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See § 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON			
2 3	STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b) o SEC USE ONLY			
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS			
5	WC CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS '' IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)			
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION			
NUMBER OF SHARES	DELAWARE	7	SOLE VOTING POWER	
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	•	8	9,878,219 SHARED VOTING POWER	
REPORTING PERSON WITH		9	- 0 - SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
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12	9,878,219 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) " EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES			
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)			
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2 3	STEEL PARTNERS II MASTER FUND L.P. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b) o SEC USE ONLY			
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2	STEEL PARTNERS LLC CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b) o SEC USE ONLY			
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2 3	WARREN G. LICHTENSTEIN CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b) o SEC USE ONLY			
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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON			
2 3	JOHN J. QUICKE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b) o SEC USE ONLY			
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS			
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS " IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)			
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#### CUSIP NO. 779382100

The following constitutes Amendment No. 14 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned ("Amendment No. 14"). This Amendment No. 14 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth.

Item 4.

Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

As discussed in further detail in Amendment No. 13 to the Schedule 13D, on February 5, 2009, the Issuer and Steel Partners II entered into a letter agreement (the "Settlement Agreement"), pursuant to which, among other things, the Issuer has agreed to nominate a Steel Partners II designee for election to Class III of the Board of Directors of the Issuer at the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Issuer. On February 18, 2009, the Issuer and Steel Partners II entered into a letter agreement (the "Amendment") amending the Settlement Agreement to extend the deadline by which Steel Partners II shall notify the Issuer of the name and qualifications of the Steel Partners II designee from February 20, 2009 to March 2, 2009. The Settlement Agreement otherwise remains in full force and effect.

The foregoing description of the Amendment is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to its full text. A copy of the Amendment is filed as exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 is hereby amended to add the following:

On February 18, 2009, Steel Partners II entered into the Amendment as discussed in further detail in Item 4.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Item 7 is hereby amended to add the following exhibit:

99.1 Letter agreement between Rowan Companies, Inc. and Steel Partners II, L.P., dated February 18, 2009.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 20, 2009 STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P.

By: Steel Partners II GP LLC

General Partner

By: /s/ Sanford Antignas

Sanford Antignas

as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein,

Managing Member

STEEL PARTNERS II MASTER FUND L.P.

By: Steel Partners II GP LLC

General Partner

By: /s/ Sanford Antignas

Sanford Antignas

as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein,

Managing Member

STEEL PARTNERS LLC

By: /s/ Sanford Antignas

Sanford Antignas

as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein,

Manager

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By: Steel Partners II GP LLC

General Partner

By: /s/ Sanford Antignas

Sanford Antignas

as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein,

Managing Member

/s/ Sanford Antignas
SANFORD ANTIGNAS

as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein

/s/ John J. Quicke JOHN J. QUICKE

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