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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 4, 2008 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.)

77056-6189

(zip code)

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

(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:

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

**b** Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240-14d-2(b))

o 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

Attached as Exhibit 99 is a form of investor presentation used and to be used by Rowan Companies, Inc.
Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits
(c) Exhibits

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### 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

Dated: March 4, 2008

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