

ROWAN COMPANIES INC  
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May 19, 2008

**U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPT SOLICITATION  
Submitted Pursuant to Rule 14a-6(g)**

1. Name of registrant:

Rowan Companies, Inc.

2. Name of person relying on exemption:

C. R. Palmer

3. Address of person relying on exemption:

520 Post Oak Boulevard  
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Houston, TX 77027

4. Written materials. The following written material is attached:

Exhibit 1: Letter from C. R. Palmer to Rowan Stockholders dated May 19, 2008