

ROWAN COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
April 14, 2004

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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): April 14, 2004

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 77056-6127  
(Address of principal executive office, including zip code)

(713) 621-7800  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

| <u>Exhibit<br/>Number</u> | <u>Exhibit Description</u>   |
|---------------------------|--|
| 99.1                      | Press release of Rowan Companies, Inc. dated April 14, 2004                              |
| 99.2                      | Rowan Companies, Inc. Offshore Rig Utilization for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 |

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure (information provided under Item 12 Results of Operations and Financial Condition and Item 5 - Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure).

The following information is disclosed pursuant to Item 12 Results of Operations and Financial Condition. It is being furnished under Item 9 of this Form 8-K in accordance with the interim guidance provided in SEC Release No. 33-8216.

On April 14, 2004, Rowan Companies, Inc. issued a press release announcing its results for the first quarter of 2004. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The following information is disclosed pursuant to Item 5 - Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

A schedule summarizing the Offshore Rig Utilization of Rowan Companies, Inc. for the first quarter of 2004 is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

**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.**

Date: April 14, 2004

By: /s/ E. E. THIELE

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