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ROWAN COMPANIES INC Form 8-K October 26, 2011

# 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 26, 2011

#### ROWAN COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

2800 POST OAK BOULEVARD SUITE 5450 HOUSTON, TEXAS

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77056 (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:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240-14d-2(b))
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## Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01:

The Offshore Rig Fleet and Contract Status Report for Rowan Companies, Inc., as of October 26, 2011, is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### (c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number

**Exhibit Description** 

99.1

Offshore Rig Fleet and Contract Status at October 26, 2011

#### **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/ William H. Wells
William H. Wells
Senior Vice President – CFO and Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: October 26, 2011

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