

ROWAN COMPANIES PLC
Form 8-K
July 31, 2012

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): July 25, 2012

Rowan Companies plc

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

England and Wales
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-5491
(Commission
File Number)

98-1023315
(IRS Employer
Identification
No.)

2800 Post Oak Boulevard

Suite 5450

Houston, Texas

77056-6189

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **+1 713 621 7800**

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 25, 2012, the Board of Directors of Rowan Companies plc (the “Company”) appointed Kevin Bartol as Executive Vice President, Finance and Corporate Development, effective immediately. For additional details, please see the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference. In addition, Mr. Bartol’s annual base salary was increased from \$375,000 to \$400,000. Mr. Bartol’s short term and long term incentive targets remain the same.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
99.1	Press release dated July 31, 2012

SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: July 31, 2012

ROWAN COMPANIES PLC

By: /s/ Melanie M. Trent
Melanie M. Trent
Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and Company
Secretary