

ROWAN COMPANIES PLC  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 2018

**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): January 5, 2018

**Rowan Companies plc**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**England and Wales**

**1-5491**

**98-1023315**

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of**

**(Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer**

**Incorporation or Organization)**

**Identification Number)**

**2800 Post Oak Boulevard**

**77056-6189**

**Suite 5450**

**(Zip Code)**

**Houston, Texas**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.



**Item 7.01 Regulation FD**

On January 5, 2018, Rowan Companies plc issued a press release announcing the purchase of two 2013 Le Tourneau Super 116E jack-up rigs, the P-59 and P-60, from a subsidiary of Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. and the execution of certain other transactions related to its fleet renewal strategy. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report and in the exhibits attached hereto is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report and in Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1            Press release of the Company dated January 5, 2018.

**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.

Dated: January 5, 2018 Rowan Companies plc

By: /s/ Mark F. Mai  
Mark F. Mai  
*Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary*

**Exhibit List**

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