ROWAN COMPANIES INC Form PX14A6G April 06, 2009

## 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 Suite 780 Houston, TX 77027

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

Exhibit 1: Letter from C. R. Palmer to Rowan Stockholders dated April 6, 2009