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SCHEDULE 13D (Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(a)

(Amendment No.)(1)

Rowan Companies, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.125 Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

779382100

(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

June 26, 2007

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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