

ROWAN COMPANIES INC  
Form FWP  
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**Rowan Companies, Inc.**  
**Pricing Term Sheet**  
**\$400,000,000 5.000% Senior Notes due 2017**

Issuer:	Rowan Companies, Inc.
Ratings: (Moody's / S&P)*	Baa3 / BBB-
Security Type:	Senior Unsecured Notes
Form:	SEC Registered
Pricing Date:	August 19, 2010
Settlement Date: (T+7)	August 30, 2010
Maturity Date:	September 1, 2017
Principal Amount:	\$400,000,000
Benchmark:	T 2.375% due July 31, 2017
Benchmark Price / Yield:	102-16+ / 1.985%
Spread to Benchmark:	+ 310 bps
Yield to Maturity:	5.085%
Coupon:	5.000%
Public Offering Price:	99.504%
Net Proceeds Before Expenses	\$395,516,000
Optional Redemption:	Redeemable at any time in amount equal to the principal amount plus a make whole premium, using a discount rate of T+ 50 bps, plus accrued and unpaid interest
Interest Payment Dates:	March 1 and September 1, beginning March 1, 2011
CUSIP / ISIN:	779382 AN0 / US779382AN00

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