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ISSUER FREE WRITING PROSPECTUS

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Rowan Companies, Inc. \$500,000,000 7.875% Senior Notes due 2019 Final Term Sheet

Issuer Rowan Companies, Inc.

Ratings* Moody s Investor Services: Baa3

Standard & Poor s: BBB-

Security Type 7.875% Senior Notes due 2019

Aggregate Principal Amount\$500,000,000Gross Proceeds\$496,705,000FormSEC RegisteredMaturityAugust 1, 2019

Price to Public 99.341% plus accrued interest, if any, from July 21, 2009

Interest Rate 7.875% Yield to Maturity 7.971%

Spread over Benchmark Treasury 437.5 basis points

Security

Benchmark Treasury Security UST 3.125% due May 2019

Benchmark Treasury Rate 3.596%

Interest Payment Dates Semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, beginning on

February 1, 2010

Record Dates January 15 and July 15

Optional Redemption Redeemable at any time in amount equal to the principal amount plus a

make whole premium, using a discount rate of Treasury + 50 bps, plus

accrued and unpaid interest

Trade Date July 15, 2009 **Expected Settlement Date** July 21, 2009

Joint Book-Running Managers Barclays Capital Inc. (45%)

Goldman, Sachs & Co. (25%)

Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (10%) Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. (10%) Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (10%)

Denominations \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 thereof.

CUSIP/ISIN Numbers CUSIP: 779382AK6

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