

ROWAN COMPANIES PLC  
Form S-8 POS  
December 12, 2013

**As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 12, 2013**

**Registration No. 333-25041**

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 2**

**to**

**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**UNDER**

**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**Rowan Companies plc**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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England and Wales                      98-1023315  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of      (I.R.S. Employer  
Incorporation or Organization)      Identification No.)

**2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 5450**

**Houston, Texas 77056**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

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**Rowan Companies, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan**

(Full Title of the Plan)

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**Melanie M. Trent**

**Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and Company Secretary**

**Rowan Companies plc**

**2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 5450**

**Houston, Texas 77056**

**(713) 621-7800**

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Agent For Service)

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*With a copy to:*

**Alan J. Robin**

**Vinson & Elkins LLP**

**1001 Fannin Street, Suite 2500**

**Houston, Texas 77002**

**(713) 758-2442**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

## DEREGISTRATION OF CERTAIN SECURITIES

Rowan Companies plc, a public limited company formed under English law (the “Company”), is filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 (this “Post-Effective Amendment”) to Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-25041) originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on April 11, 1997, as amended by Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 thereto filed with the SEC on May 4, 2012 (collectively, the “Registration Statement”), to deregister all of the Class A Ordinary Shares of the Company, par value \$0.125 per share (the “Common Shares”), and plan interests previously registered for issuance under the Rowan Companies, Inc. Savings and Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) that have not heretofore been issued pursuant to the Registration Statement. Effective as of December 9, 2013, the Rowan Companies Share Fund under the Plan was liquidated and no new Common Shares have been issued nor may be issued under the Plan. This Post-Effective Amendment terminates the offering of all securities pursuant to the Registration Statement, and thereby terminates the reporting and disclosure obligations of the Plan under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

## PART II

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit

NumberDescription

24.1 Power of Attorney (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 24.1 to the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 4, 2012 (File No. 333-25041))

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Houston, State of Texas, on the 11th day of December, 2013.

Rowan Companies plc

By: / s / W. Matt Ralls  
W. Matt Ralls  
Chief Executive Officer and Director

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (SEC Registration No. 333-25041) has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <u>Signature</u>      | <u>Title</u>  | <u>Date</u>       |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------|
| *                     |   |                   |
| W. Matt Ralls         | Chief Executive Officer and Director<br>( <i>Principal Executive Officer</i> )  | December 11, 2013 |
| / s / J. Kevin Bartol |   |                   |
|                       | Executive Vice President,   |                   |
| J. Kevin Bartol       | Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer<br>( <i>Principal Financial Officer</i> ) | December 11, 2013 |
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| Gregory M. Hatfield   | Vice President and Controller   | December 11, 2013 |

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*(Principal Accounting Officer)*

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| William T. Fox III | Director | December 11, 2013 |
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| Sir Graham Hearne | Director | December 11, 2013 |
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| Thomas R. Hix | Director | December 11, 2013 |
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H.E. Lentz            Chairman of the Board            December 11,  
2013

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Lord Moynihan      Director                                December 11,  
2013

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Suzanne P.            Director                                December 11,  
Nimocks                                2013

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P. Dexter              Director                                December 11,  
Peacock                                2013

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John J. Quicke      Director                                December 11,  
2013

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Melanie M.          Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, Company Secretary and  
Trent                   Authorized Representative in the United States                   December 11,  
2013

\* By: /s/ J. Kevin Bartol

J. Kevin Bartol

Attorney-in-Fact

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Houston, State of Texas, on the 11th day of December, 2013.

Rowan Companies, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan

By: Rowan Companies, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan Administrative  
Committee

By: /s/ Gary L. Marsh  
Gary L. Marsh



**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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