

ROWAN COMPANIES PLC  
Form 8-K  
December 11, 2017

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 5, 2017

**Rowan Companies plc**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**England and Wales**

**1-5491**

**98-1023315**

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of**

**(Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer**

**Incorporation or Organization)**

**Identification Number)**

**2800 Post Oak Boulevard**

**77056-6189**

**Suite 5450**

**(Zip Code)**

**Houston, Texas**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 621-7800**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

“Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

“Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

“Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

“Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company “

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. “

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On December 5, 2017, Mr. Mark A. Keller, Executive Vice President, Business Development, of Rowan Companies plc (the “*Company*”) announced his decision to retire from the Company on December 31, 2017. Mr. Keller joined the Company in 1992 and has served as the Company’s Executive Vice President, Business Development since 2007. The Company thanks Mr. Keller for his many years of loyal service, dedication and substantial contributions.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 11, 2017 Rowan Companies plc

By: /s/ Mark F. Mai  
Mark F. Mai  
*Executive Vice President, General Counsel &  
Secretary*