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**Item 2.02 - Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

The following information is disclosed pursuant to Item 2.02 - Results of Operations and Financial Condition:

On May 1, 2013, Rowan Companies plc issued a press release announcing its operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.

**Item 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit

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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.

ROWAN COMPANIES  
plc

By: /s/ KEVIN BARTOL  
Kevin Bartol,  
Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: May 1, 2013

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