#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549

#### FORM 10-Q

#### [X] QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

OR

#### [ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM\_\_\_\_\_TO\_\_\_\_

þ1-5491 Commission File Number

ROWAN COMPANIES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 75-0759420 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 5450 Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) 77056-6189 (Zip Code)

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

Inapplicable (Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes b No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. Large accelerated filer b Accelerated filer o Non-accelerated filer o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act) Yes o Nob

The number of shares of common stock, \$.125 par value, outstanding at July 31, 2008 was 113,003,858.

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#### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Financial Statements

#### ROWAN COMPANIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AMOUNTS)

|  | June 30,<br>2008 | De | ecember 31, 2007 |
|--|------------------|----|------------------|
| ASSETS   | (Unaudited)      |    | )                |
| CURRENT ASSETS:                                |                  |    |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                      | \$<br>179,073    | \$ | 284,458          |
| Receivables - trade and other                  | 491,767          |    | 478,017          |
| Inventories - at cost:                         |                  |    |                  |
| Raw materials and supplies                     | 355,781          |    | 343,023          |
| Work-in-progress                               | 165,402          |    | 112,924          |
| Finished goods                                 | 689              |    | 416              |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets      | 84,956           |    | 61,169           |
| Deferred tax assets - net                      | 22,556           |    | 22,960           |
| Total current assets                           | 1,300,224        |    | 1,302,967        |
|  |                  |    |                  |
| RESTRICTED CASH                                | -                |    | 50,000           |
|  |                  |    |                  |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - at cost:       |                  |    |                  |
| Drilling equipment                             | 2,892,938        |    | 2,798,250        |
| Manufacturing plant and equipment              | 256,245          |    | 244,731          |
| Construction in progress                       | 601,681          |    | 373,534          |
| Other property and equipment                   | 121,207          |    | 128,312          |
| Total  | 3,872,071        |    | 3,544,827        |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | 1,116,143        |    | 1,057,016        |
| Property, plant and equipment - net            | 2,755,928        |    | 2,487,811        |
|  |                  |    |                  |
| GOODWILL AND OTHER ASSETS                      | 35,828           |    | 34,527           |
|  |                  |    |                  |
| TOTAL  | \$<br>4,091,980  | \$ | 3,875,305        |
|  |                  |    |                  |
|  |                  |    |                  |

See Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### ROWAN COMPANIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AMOUNTS)

|   | June 30,<br>2008 | December 31,<br>2007<br>udited) |           |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY                    | (Unau            |                                 |           |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES:                                    |                  |                                 |           |
| Current maturities of long-term debt                    | \$<br>64,922     | \$                              | 64,922    |
| Accounts payable - trade                                | 150,353          |                                 | 100,880   |
| Deferred revenues                                       | 92,926           |                                 | 110,596   |
| Billings in excess of uncompleted contract costs and    |                  |                                 |           |
| estimated profit  | 37,466           |                                 | 69,867    |
| Accrued compensation and related employee costs         | 83,334           |                                 | 84,859    |
| Other current liabilities                               | 50,331           |                                 | 64,465    |
| Total current liabilities                               | 479,332          |                                 | 495,589   |
|   |                  |                                 |           |
| LONG-TERM DEBT - less current maturities                | 388,021          |                                 | 420,482   |
|   |                  |                                 |           |
| OTHER LIABILITIES                                       | 198,014          |                                 | 197,865   |
|   |                  |                                 |           |
| DEFERRED INCOME TAXES - net                             | 440,646          |                                 | 412,931   |
|   |                  |                                 |           |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:                                   |                  |                                 |           |
| Preferred stock, \$1.00 par value:                      |                  |                                 |           |
| Authorized 5,000,000 shares issuable in series:         |                  |                                 |           |
| Series A Preferred Stock, authorized 4,800 shares, none |                  |                                 |           |
| outstanding   |                  |                                 |           |
| Series B Preferred Stock, authorized 4,800 shares, none |                  |                                 |           |
| outstanding   |                  |                                 |           |
| Series C Preferred Stock, authorized 9,606 shares, none |                  |                                 |           |
| outstanding   |                  |                                 |           |
| Series D Preferred Stock, authorized 9,600 shares, none |                  |                                 |           |
| outstanding   |                  |                                 |           |
| Series E Preferred Stock, authorized 1,194 shares, none |                  |                                 |           |
| outstanding   |                  |                                 |           |
| Series A Junior Preferred Stock, authorized             |                  |                                 |           |
| 1,500,000 shares, none issued                           |                  |                                 |           |
| Common stock, \$.125 par value:                         |                  |                                 |           |
| Authorized 150,000,000 shares; issued 113,053,090       |                  |                                 |           |
| shares at June 30, 2008 and                             |                  |                                 |           |
| 111,288,285 shares at December 31, 2007                 | 14,131           |                                 | 13,911    |
| Additional paid-in capital                              | 1,053,736        |                                 | 1,012,214 |
| Retained earnings                                       | 1,616,305        |                                 | 1,419,417 |
| Cost of treasury shares: 51,943 shares at June 30,      |                  |                                 |           |
| 2008 and 25,139 shares at December 31, 2007             | (2,080)          |                                 | (979)     |

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| (96,125)        |           | (96,125)  |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2,585,967       |           | 2,348,438 |
|                 |           |           |
| \$<br>4,091,980 | \$        | 3,875,305 |
|                 |           |           |
|                 |           |           |
|                 |           |           |
|                 |           |           |
|                 |           |           |
| \$              | 2,585,967 | 2,585,967 |

# ROWAN COMPANIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

|  | For The     | e Three    |                    |            |  |
|--|-------------|------------|--------------------|------------|--|
|  | Mo          | nths       | For The Six Months |            |  |
|  | Ended J     | une 30,    | Ended June 30,     |            |  |
|  | 2008        | 2008 2007  |                    | 2007       |  |
|  | (Unaudited) |            | (Unaudited)        |            |  |
| REVENUES:                                  |             |            |                    |            |  |
| Drilling operations                        | \$ 367,380  | \$ 353,103 | \$ 707,801         | \$ 641,357 |  |
| Manufacturing operations                   | 219,762     | 153,901    | 364,830            | 327,901    |  |
| Total                                      | 587,142     | 507,004    | 1,072,631          | 969,258    |  |
|  |             |            |                    |            |  |
| COSTS AND EXPENSES:                        |             |            |                    |            |  |
| Drilling operations (excluding items shown |             |            |                    |            |  |
| below)                                     | 163,238     | 144,608    | 319,777            | 291,424    |  |
| Manufacturing operations (excluding items  |             |            |                    |            |  |
| shown below)                               | 179,417     | 130,376    | 305,581            | 287,915    |  |
| Depreciation and amortization              | 33,461      | 28,814     | 66,552             | 56,458     |  |
| Selling, general and administrative        | 30,773      | 22,931     | 58,172             | 45,288     |  |
| Gain on disposals of property and          |             |            |                    |            |  |
| equipment                                  | (1,507)     |            | (6,882)            | (38,722)   |  |
| Total                                      | 405,382     | 312,108    | 743,200            | 642,363    |  |
|  |             |            |                    |            |  |
| INCOME FROM OPERATIONS                     | 181,760     | 194,896    | 329,431            | 326,895    |  |
|  |             |            |                    |            |  |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):                    |             |            | (0.00.5)           |            |  |
| Interest expense                           | (4,329)     |            | (9,895)            | (13,215)   |  |
| Less interest capitalized                  | 4,329       | 1,970      | 9,168              | 3,477      |  |
| Interest income                            | 1,189       | 5,481      | 4,364              | 10,930     |  |
| Other - net                                | 909         | 264        | 1,244              | 559        |  |
| Other income - net                         | 2,098       | 1,181      | 4,881              | 1,751      |  |
|  |             |            |                    |            |  |
| INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES                 | 183,858     | 196,077    | 334,312            | 328,646    |  |
| Provision for income taxes                 | 63,250      | 67,953     | 115,079            | 114,169    |  |