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June 27, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 11-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from ____ to ____

Commission File
Number 1-5491

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that
of the issuer named below:

ROWAN COMPANIES, INC. SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address
of its principal executive office:

Rowan Companies, Inc.
2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 5450
Houston, Texas 77056-6127

REQUIRED INFORMATION

The Rowan Companies, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan (the "Plan") is
subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").
Therefore, in lieu of the requirements of Items 1-3 of Form 11-K, the financial
statements and schedules of the Plan for and as of the fiscal year and fiscal
year-ends reflected therein, which have been prepared in accordance with the
financial reporting requirements of ERISA, are attached hereto as Appendix 1 and
incorporated herein by this reference.

SIGNATURES

The Plan, Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act
of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit
plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the
undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ROWAN COMPANIES, INC. SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN

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

/S/ JOHN R. COLLINS
John R. Collins

June 27, 2003

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financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Houston, Texas

June 27, 2003

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ROWAN COMPANIES, INC. SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

	2002	2001
ASSETS:		
Investments - at fair value	\$ 46,324,418	\$ 42,713,413
Receivables:		
Employee contributions	606,296	504,686
Employer contributions	209,600	168,795
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 47,140,314	\$ 43,386,894
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See notes to financial statements.

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ROWAN COMPANIES, INC. SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

	2002	2001
ADDITIONS:		
Contributions:		
Employee	\$ 7,769,102	\$ 7,222,745
Employer	2,394,116	2,284,859
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Total additions	10,163,218	9,507,604
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DEDUCTIONS:		
Plan interest in Rowan Master Trust net investment loss	4,175,821	5,289,347
Employee withdrawals	2,233,977	1,575,375
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Total deductions	6,409,798	6,864,722
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INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	-----	-----
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	3,753,420	2,642,882
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:		
Beginning of year	43,386,894	40,744,012
End of year	\$ 47,140,314	\$ 43,386,894
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See notes to financial statements.

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ROWAN COMPANIES, INC. SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

1. PLAN DESCRIPTION

The following brief description of the Rowan Companies, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general informational purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for more complete information.

GENERAL - The Plan is a defined contribution, individual account 401(k) plan covering substantially all drilling and aviation employees of Rowan Companies, Inc. and its subsidiaries ("Rowan").

PARTICIPATION - Employees are eligible to enter the Plan on the January 1 or July 1 immediately following the completion of 1,000 hours of service in the 12-month period beginning on the employee's date of hire and ending on the anniversary of such date.

FUNDING - Under the Plan, participants may make basic contributions of up to 6% and additional contributions of up to 14% of their regular compensation on a before-tax basis. Rowan makes a matching contribution equal to 50% of a participant's basic contribution.

INVESTMENT OPTIONS - The assets of the Plan are held in a master trust and managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the Trustee of the Plan (the "Trustee"). Plan participants direct the investment of their accounts among the Plan's investment options and may, at their sole discretion, transfer amounts between such options, including the Rowan Companies Unitized Stock Fund, at any time.

EXPENSES - Participants' accounts are charged with investment advisory and other fees by the Trustee. Other expenses of administering the Plan and master trust are borne by the Plan or by Rowan, at its discretion.

VESTING PROVISIONS - Participants are 100% vested at all times in their own contributions, plus any earnings accrued thereon, and achieve 100% vesting in employer matching contributions, plus any earnings thereon, after three years or more of qualified service.

Participants at age 60 are entitled to 100% of all contributions, plus any earnings accrued thereon. Upon death or permanent disability, a participant, or his beneficiary, will be entitled to 100% of all

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contributions, plus any earnings accrued thereon.

DISTRIBUTIONS - Participants can obtain lump-sum or installment distributions of vested balances upon termination of employment, retirement, disability or death. Other hardship withdrawals can be obtained under certain conditions. At December 31, 2002 and 2001, Plan assets included approximately \$25,000 and \$13,000, respectively, of distributions payable to former Plan participants.

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FORFEITURES - Upon termination of employment, participants' nonvested balances are forfeited. Such forfeitures can be applied to reduce employer contributions or Plan administrative expenses otherwise payable by Rowan. During 2002 and 2001, Rowan utilized approximately \$121,000 and \$57,000, respectively, of employee forfeitures for employer contributions and Plan administrative expenses. At December 31, 2002 and 2001, Plan assets included approximately \$20,000 and \$105,000, respectively, of nonvested forfeited accounts.

PLAN TERMINATION - Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, Rowan may terminate the Plan at any time subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In the event the Plan is terminated, each participant shall be entitled to 100% of all contributions, plus any earnings accrued thereon, as of the date of termination.

PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS - The investment by the Trustee of Plan contributions into mutual funds managed by an affiliate of the Trustee are party-in-interest transactions, and the related management fees are deducted from investment earnings. Rowan is also a party-in-interest.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

INVESTMENT VALUATION AND INCOME RECOGNITION - The Plan's investments are stated at fair value as determined by quoted market prices. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments consists of the net change in unrealized gains (losses) in fair values and realized gains (losses) upon the sale of investment securities. The net change in unrealized gains (losses) and realized gains (losses) upon sale are determined using fair values as of the beginning of the year or the purchase price if acquired during the year.

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS - Benefits are recorded when paid.

USE OF ESTIMATES - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

RECLASSIFICATIONS - Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year's financial statements to conform to the current year presentation.

3. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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The Plan provides for various investments in common stock and registered investment companies. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term.

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4. INVESTMENT IN ROWAN MASTER TRUST

The Master Trust for Rowan Companies and Affiliates Defined Contribution Plans (the "Trust") commingles, for investment and administrative purposes, Plan assets with those of another plan sponsored by a Rowan subsidiary. The Trustee maintains supporting records for the purpose of allocating investment gains or losses to the participating plans. The investment accounts of the Trust are valued at fair value at the end of each trading day based upon quoted market prices. Net investment gains or losses for each day are allocated by the Trustee to each participating plan based on the plans' relative interest in the investment units of the Trust. At December 31, 2002 and 2001, the Trust held the following investments, at fair value:

	2002		2001	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
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Investments - at fair value:				
Rowan Companies Unitized Stock Fund	\$ 11,362,999	14%	\$ 10,321,204	14%
Registered Investment Companies	68,355,683	86%	65,667,610	86%
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Total investments	\$ 79,718,682	100%	\$ 75,988,814	100%
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Investment income (loss) for the Trust for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 was as follows:

	2002	2001
Investment income (loss):		
Increase (decrease) in fair value of investments:		
Rowan Companies Unitized Stock Fund	\$ 2,091,295	\$ (982,245)
Registered Investment Companies	(10,078,069)	(9,144,396)
Interest and dividends	1,560,180	2,095,121
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Net investment income (loss)	\$ (6,426,594)	\$ (8,031,520)
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The Plan's interest in the Trust's total investment units was approximately 58% at December 31, 2002 and 56% at December 31, 2001, with the balance attributed to the other Rowan-sponsored plan.

5. TAX STATUS OF THE PLAN

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The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed Rowan by a letter dated October 22, 1996, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Though the Plan has been amended since that date, the Plan administrator and Rowan believe that the Plan continues to be designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. A request for a new determination letter has been made.

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
23.1	Independent Auditors' Consent