

ROWAN COMPANIES INC
Form SC 13D/A
March 26, 2009

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO
§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 15)1

Rowan Companies, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.125
(Title of Class of Securities)

779382100

(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

March 26, 2009
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box " .

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1 The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP NO. 779382100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| | | 9,878,219 |
| | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER |
| | | - 0 - |
| | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | | 9,878,219 |
| | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9,878,219

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

8.7%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 779382100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STEEL PARTNERS II MASTER FUND L.P.

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CAYMAN ISLANDS

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| NUMBER OF | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| SHARES | | |
| BENEFICIALLY | | 9,878,219 |
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| EACH | | |
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| PERSON WITH | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
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CUSIP NO. 779382100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

WEBFINANCIAL L.P.

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CUSIP NO. 779382100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

WARREN G. LICHTENSTEIN

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USA

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IN

CUSIP NO. 779382100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

JOHN J. QUICKE

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USA

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

* See Item 5

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CUSIP NO. 779382100

The following constitutes Amendment No. 15 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (“Amendment No. 15”). This Amendment No. 15 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

On March 26, 2009, Steel Partners II delivered a letter to the Board of Directors of the Issuer (the “Board”) expressing its concern with certain disclosures contained in the Issuer’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 and the Issuer’s Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A relating to the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders that clearly reflect a failure by the Board to provide proper oversight of the Issuer during the past year. Specifically, Steel Partners II expresses its concern over significant inventory write offs in the fourth quarter of 2008, excessive professional fees paid and to be paid in connection with the suspended LeTourneau Technologies, Inc. monetization process and unusual and improper compensation and severance arrangements with the retiring CEO, the new CEO and the other Named Executive Officers of the Issuer. Steel Partners II states that while it believes the appointment of its designee John J. Quicke to the Board in January 2009 pursuant to a settlement agreement was a step by the Issuer in the right direction, this appointment alone will not fix the embedded, broken policies that negatively impacted the Issuer’s 2008 bottom line and potentially its future prospects. Steel Partners II urges the Board to act in a unified manner, with a greater sense of urgency, and with proper oversight of the Issuer’s management. A copy of the letter is attached as an exhibit hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Item 7 is hereby amended to add the following exhibit:

99.1 Letter from Steel Partners II, L.P. to Rowan Companies, Inc., dated March 26, 2009.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 26, 2009

STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P.

By: Steel Partners II GP LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Sanford Antignas
Sanford Antignas
as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G.
Lichtenstein,
Managing Member

STEEL PARTNERS II MASTER FUND L.P.

By: Steel Partners II GP LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Sanford Antignas
Sanford Antignas
as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G.
Lichtenstein,
Managing Member

STEEL PARTNERS LLC

By: /s/ Sanford Antignas
Sanford Antignas
as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G.
Lichtenstein,
Manager

WEBFINANCIAL L.P.

By: Steel Partners II GP LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Sanford Antignas
Sanford Antignas
as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G.
Lichtenstein,
Managing Member

/s/ Sanford Antignas
SANFORD ANTIGNAS
as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein

/s/ John J. Quicke
JOHN J. QUICKE

