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SUBJECT COMPANY

ROWAN COMPANIES INC

CIK: **85408** | IRS No.: **750759420** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
Type: **SC 13D/A** | Act: **34** | File No.: **005-30728** | Film No.: **09546093**
SIC: **1381** Drilling oil & gas wells

Mailing Address	Business Address
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STEEL PARTNERS II LP

CIK: **915653** | IRS No.: **000000000**
Type: **SC 13D/A**

Mailing Address	Business Address
590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR NEW YORK NY 10022	590 MADISON AVENUE 32ND FLOOR NEW YORK NY 10022 212-758-3232

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. 12)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)

January 22, 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 .

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. *See* § 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

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*).

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
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) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION DELAWARE	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 10,080,855
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 10,080,855
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER - 0 -
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 10,080,855	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 8.9%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON STEEL PARTNERS II MASTER FUND L.P.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS AF	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION CAYMAN ISLANDS	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 10,080,855
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 10,080,855
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12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 8.9%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON STEEL PARTNERS LLC	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS AF	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON WEBFINANCIAL L.P.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS AF	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
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13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 8.9%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON WARREN G. LICHTENSTEIN	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS AF	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION USA	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 10,080,855
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 10,080,855
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11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 10,080,855	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 8.9%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON IN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON JOHN J. QUICKE	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION USA	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER - 0 - *
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER - 0 - *
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER - 0 -
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON - 0 - *	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 0% *	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON IN	

* See Item 5

The following constitutes Amendment No. 12 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned ("Amendment No. 12"). This Amendment No. 12 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

Item 2 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

(a) This statement is filed by Steel Partners II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Steel Partners II"), Steel Partners II Master Fund L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership ("Steel Master"), Steel Partners LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Partners LLC"), WebFinancial L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Web L.P."), Warren G. Lichtenstein and John J. Quicke. Each of the foregoing is referred to as a "Reporting Person" and collectively as the "Reporting Persons."

Effective January 22, 2009, John J. Quicke, a Managing Director and operating partner of Partners LLC, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Issuer. Mr. Quicke was appointed to the Board pursuant to that certain Settlement Agreement between Steel Partners II and the Issuer dated March 30, 2008 (the "Settlement Agreement"). Accordingly, John J. Quicke is a Reporting Person. For a description of the Settlement Agreement, see Amendment No. 6 to the Schedule 13D, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 31, 2008.

Steel Master is the owner of approximately 99% of the limited partnership interests in Web L.P. Web L.P. is the sole limited partner of Steel Partners II. Partners LLC is the manager of Web L.P., Steel Partners II and Steel Master. The general partner of Steel Partners II has delegated to Partners LLC the exclusive power to vote and dispose of the securities held by Steel Partners II. Warren G. Lichtenstein is the manager of Partners LLC. By virtue of these relationships, each of Steel Master, Partners LLC, Web L.P. and Mr. Lichtenstein may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned by Steel Partners II. Accordingly, the Reporting Persons are hereby filing a joint Schedule 13D.

Set forth on Schedule A annexed hereto is the name and present principal occupation or employment and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted of the executive officers of Partners LLC, as of the date hereof.

(b) The principal business address of each of Steel Partners II, Partners LLC, Web L.P., Warren G. Lichtenstein and John J. Quicke is 590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor, New York, New York 10022. The principal business address of Steel Master is c/o Morgan Stanley Fund Services (Cayman) Ltd., Cricket Square, 2nd Floor, Boundary Hall, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands.

(c) The principal business of Steel Partners II, Steel Master, Web L.P. and Warren G. Lichtenstein is engaging in a variety of operating businesses. The principal business of Partners LLC is serving as the manager of Web L.P., Steel Partners II and Steel Master. The principal occupation of John J. Quicke is serving as a Managing Director and operating partner of Partners LLC.

(d) No Reporting Person nor any person listed on Schedule A annexed hereto has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) No Reporting Person nor any person listed on Schedule A annexed hereto has, during the last five years, been party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Warren G. Lichtenstein, John J. Quicke and the persons listed in Schedule A are citizens of the United States of America.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The aggregate purchase price of the 10,080,855 Shares owned by Steel Partners II is approximately \$278,743,527, including brokerage commissions. The Shares owned by Steel Partners II were acquired with partnership funds.

Steel Partners II effects purchases of securities primarily through margin accounts maintained for it with prime brokers, which may extend margin credit to it as and when required to open or carry positions in the margin accounts, subject to applicable federal margin regulations, stock exchange rules and the prime brokers' credit policies. In such instances, the positions held in the margin accounts are pledged as collateral security for the repayment of debit balances in the accounts.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

Effective January 22, 2009, John J. Quicke, a Managing Director and operating partner of Partners LLC, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Issuer pursuant to the Settlement Agreement.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

(a) The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 113,003,698 Shares outstanding, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as of October 31, 2008 as reported in the Issuer's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 7, 2008.

As of the close of business on January 23, 2009, Steel Partners II beneficially owned 10,080,855 Shares, constituting approximately 8.9% of the Shares outstanding. By virtue of their relationships with Steel Partners II discussed in further detail in Item 2, each of Steel Master, Partners LLC, Web L.P. and Warren G. Lichtenstein may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned by Steel Partners II.

John J. Quicke, as a member of a "group" with the other Reporting Persons for purposes of Rule 13d-5(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned by Steel Partners II.

(b) Each of the Reporting Persons may be deemed to have the sole power to vote and dispose of the Shares reported in this Schedule 13D owned directly by Steel Partners II.

(c) Schedule B annexed hereto lists all transactions in the Shares by the Reporting Persons since the filing of Amendment No. 11 to the Schedule 13D. All of such transactions were effected in the open market, unless otherwise indicated.

(d) No person other than the Reporting Persons is known to have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, the Shares.

(e) Not applicable.

The filing of this Schedule 13D shall not be construed as an admission that the Reporting Persons are, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, the beneficial owners of any securities covered by this Schedule 13D.

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: January 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

SCHEDULE AExecutive Officers of Steel Partners LLC

<u>Name and Position</u>	<u>Present Principal Occupation</u>	<u>Business Address</u>
Warren G. Lichtenstein, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Steel Partners LLC, a global management firm	c/o Steel Partners LLC 590 Madison Avenue, 32 nd Floor New York, NY 10022
Jack L. Howard, President	President of Steel Partners LLC, a global management firm, and a principal of Mutual Securities, Inc., a registered broker dealer	c/o Steel Partners LLC 590 Madison Avenue, 32 nd Floor New York, NY 10022
Sanford Antignas, Managing Director, Chief Operating Officer and Secretary	Managing Director, Chief Operating Officer and Secretary of Steel Partners LLC, a global management firm	c/o Steel Partners LLC 590 Madison Avenue, 32 nd Floor New York, NY 10022
Michael Falk, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary of Steel Partners LLC, a global management firm	c/o Steel Partners LLC 590 Madison Avenue, 32 nd Floor New York, NY 10022

SCHEDULE BTransactions in the Securities of the Issuer Since the Filing of Amendment No. 11 to the Schedule 13D

<u>Class of Security</u>	<u>Securities Purchased / (Sold)</u>	<u>Price (\$)</u>	<u>Date of Purchase / Sale</u>
<u>STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P.</u>			
Common Stock	(3,658)	14.0000	01/21/09
<p>On January 17, 2009 (a) 5,000 call options with a strike price of \$35.00 owned by Steel Partners II expired out-of-the-money, (b) 20,000 call options with a strike price of \$30.00 with respect to which Steel Partners II was short expired out-of-the-money, and (c) 20,000 call options with a strike price of \$10.00 owned by Steel Partners II were exercised into 2,000,000 Shares.</p>			
<u>STEEL PARTNERS II MASTER FUND L.P.</u>			
None			
<u>STEEL PARTNERS LLC</u>			
None			
<u>WEBFINANCIAL L.P.</u>			
None			
<u>WARREN G. LICHTENSTEIN</u>			
None			
<u>JOHN J. QUICKE</u>			
Restricted Stock Units*	1,000	--	01/22/09

* Restricted Stock Units granted by the Issuer to Mr. Quicke upon his appointment to the Issuer's Board of Directors. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one Share. The Restricted Stock Units vest on the date of the Issuer's next annual meeting of stockholders. At the election of the Issuer's Compensation Committee, such payout, including any accrued dividends, may be made in cash or Shares.