

ROWAN COMPANIES PLC  
Form 8-K  
March 29, 2017

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **March 28, 2017**

**Rowan Companies plc**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**England and Wales**

(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**1-5491**

(Commission

File Number)

**98-1023315**

(IRS Employer

Identification

No.)

**2800 Post Oak Boulevard**

**Suite 5450**

**77056-6189**

**Houston, Texas**

(Zip code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Ms. Melanie M. Trent, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Company Secretary of Rowan Companies plc (the “Company”), has notified the Company that she will retire effective April 30, 2017. The Company is conducting a search and will name Ms. Trent’s successor when determined. The Company thanks Ms. Trent for her loyal service, dedication and many contributions to the Company’s success over the past 12 years.

**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.

Dated: March 29, 2017 ROWAN COMPANIES PLC

By: /s/ Stephen M. Butz  
Stephen M. Butz  
*Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer*