

ROWAN COMPANIES INC
Form SC 13D
January 09, 2008

**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. 5)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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Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

January 8, 2007
(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.

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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 (a) x
GROUP (b) o

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	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		10,088,169 (1)
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	10,088,169 (1)
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

10,088,169 (1)

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

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

9.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

(1) Includes 134,300 Shares underlying short put options and 100,000 Shares underlying call options.

CUSIP NO. 779382100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STEEL PARTNERS II GP LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) x
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AF

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DELAWARE

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
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OO

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CUSIP NO. 779382100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STEEL PARTNERS II MASTER FUND L.P.

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CAYMAN ISLANDS

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		10,088,169 (1)
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	10,088,169 (1)
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STEEL PARTNERS LLC

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PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
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CUSIP NO. 779382100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

WARREN G. LICHTENSTEIN

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USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		10,088,169 (1)
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		10,088,169 (1)
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9.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

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CUSIP NO. 779382100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

JOHN J. QUICKE

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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 - *

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

0% *

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

* See Item 5.

CUSIP NO. 779382100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

ROBERT H. KANNER

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USA

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0% *

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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* See Item 5.

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The following constitutes Amendment No. 5 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (“Amendment No. 5”). This Amendment No. 5 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 GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Steel GP LLC”), 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”), Warren G. Lichtenstein, John J. Quicke and Robert H. Kanner. Each of the foregoing is referred to as a “Reporting Person” and collectively as the “Reporting Persons.” Each of the Reporting Persons is party to that certain Joint Filing and Solicitation Agreement as further described in Item 6. Accordingly, the Reporting Persons are hereby filing a joint Schedule 13D.

Steel Master is the sole limited partner of Steel Partners II. Steel GP LLC is the general partner of Steel Partners II and Steel Master. Partners LLC is the investment manager of Steel Partners II and Steel Master. Warren G. Lichtenstein is the manager of Partners LLC and the managing member of Steel GP LLC. By virtue of these relationships, each of Steel GP LLC, Steel Master, Partners LLC and Mr. Lichtenstein may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned by Steel Partners II.

(b) The principal business address of each of Steel Partners II, Steel GP LLC, Partners LLC, 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. The principal business address of Robert H. Kanner is c/o Pubco Corporation, 3830 Kelley Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

(c) The principal business of Steel Partners II, Steel Master and Warren G. Lichtenstein is investing in securities. The principal business of Steel GP LLC is serving as the general partner of Steel Partners II and Steel Master. The principal business of Partners LLC is serving as the investment manager of Steel Partners II and Steel Master.

The principal occupation of John J. Quicke is serving as Operating Partner of Steel Partners Ltd., a management and advisory company that provides management services to Steel Partners II and its affiliates, and as a Managing Director of Partners LLC.

The principal occupation of Robert H. Kanner is serving as Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Pubco Corporation, a privately-held corporation.

(d) No Reporting Person has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) No Reporting Person 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.

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(f) Warren G. Lichtenstein, John J. Quicke and Robert H. Kanner are citizens of the United States of America.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

On January 8, 2008, Steel Partners II delivered a letter to the Issuer nominating Warren G. Lichtenstein, John J. Quicke and Robert H. Kanner (collectively, the “Nominees”), as set forth therein, for election to the Issuer’s Board of Directors at the Issuer’s 2008 annual meeting of stockholders, or any other meeting of stockholders held in lieu thereof, and any adjournments, postponements, reschedulings or continuations thereof (the “Annual Meeting”). A copy of the letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Items 5(a)-(c) are hereby amended to add the following:

John J. Quicke and Robert H. Kanner do not currently own any Shares directly nor have they entered into any transactions in the Shares during the past 60 days. Each of John J. Quicke and Robert H. Kanner, by virtue of his status as a director nominee of Steel Partners II, may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned by Steel Partners II. John J. Quicke and Robert H. Kanner each disclaim beneficial ownership of such Shares.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 is hereby amended to add the following:

On January 9, 2008, the Reporting Persons entered into a Joint Filing and Solicitation Agreement in which, among other things, (a) the parties agreed to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of statements on Schedule 13D with respect to the securities of the Issuer, (b) the parties agreed to solicit proxies or written consents for the election of the Nominees, or any other person(s) nominated by Steel Partners II, to the Issuer’s Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting (the “Solicitation”), and (c) Steel Partners II agreed to bear all expenses incurred in connection with the Reporting Persons’ activities, including approved expenses incurred by any of the parties in connection with the Solicitation, subject to certain limitations. A copy of the Joint Filing and Solicitation Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Pursuant to letter agreements, Steel Partners II has agreed to indemnify John J. Quicke and Robert H. Kanner against claims arising from the solicitation of proxies from the Issuer’s stockholders in connection with the Annual Meeting. The form of indemnification letter agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Item 7 is hereby amended to add the following exhibits:

99.1 Letter from Steel Partners II, L.P. to Rowan Companies, Inc., dated January 8, 2008, nominating directors.

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99.2 Joint Filing and Solicitation Agreement by and among Steel Partners II, L.P., Steel Partners II GP LLC, Steel Partners II Master Fund L.P., Steel Partners LLC, Warren G. Lichtenstein, John J. Quicke and Robert H. Kanner, dated January 9, 2008.

99.3

Form of Indemnification Letter Agreement.

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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: January 9, 2008

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 GP LLC

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

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

/s/ John J. Quicke

JOHN J. QUICKE

/s/ Robert H. Kanner
ROBERT H. KANNER