

ROWAN COMPANIES PLC  
Form DEFA14A  
June 13, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the**

**General Meeting of Shareholders to Be Held on July 25, 2012**

**VOTE DEADLINE 11:59 p.m. (New York Time) on July 23, 2012 (or July 18, 2012 for employees and  
directors holding shares in our benefit plan)**

***ROWAN COMPANIES PLC***

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** General Meeting of Shareholders  
**For holders as of:** June 4, 2012

**Date:** July 25, 2012  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m., London Time/3:00 a.m.,  
New York Time

**Location:** The Royal Wells Hotel  
Alexandra Room

59 Mount Ephraim

Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8BE

United Kingdom

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**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instruction.**

## **Before You Vote**

### How to Access the Proxy Materials

#### **Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

1. Annual Report
2. Notice and Proxy Statement

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## **How To Vote**

### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

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**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the resolutions in proposals 1 through 6 and FOR the non-binding advisory vote in proposal 7:**

1. An ordinary resolution to re-elect Thomas R. Hix as a Class III Director for a term to expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2015.
2. An ordinary resolution to re-elect Suzanne P. Nimocks as a Class III Director for a term to expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2015.
3. An ordinary resolution to re-elect P. Dexter Peacock as a Class III Director for a term to expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2015.
4. An ordinary resolution to ratify the Audit Committee's appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our U.S. independent registered public accounting firm for 2012.
5. An ordinary resolution to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche UK LLP as our U.K. statutory auditors under the Companies Act 2006 (to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting at which accounts are laid before the company).
6. An ordinary resolution to ratify that the Audit Committee is authorized to determine our U.K. statutory auditors remuneration.
7. A non-binding advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers.



