

ROWAN COMPANIES INC  
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**Rowan Companies, Inc.**  
**\$500,000,000 7.875% Senior Notes due 2019**  
**Final Term Sheet**

<b>Issuer</b>	Rowan Companies, Inc.
<b>Ratings*</b>	Moody's Investor Services: Baa3 Standard & Poor's: BBB-
<b>Security Type</b>	7.875% Senior Notes due 2019
<b>Aggregate Principal Amount</b>	\$500,000,000
<b>Gross Proceeds</b>	\$496,705,000
<b>Form</b>	SEC Registered
<b>Maturity</b>	August 1, 2019
<b>Price to Public</b>	99.341% plus accrued interest, if any, from July 21, 2009
<b>Interest Rate</b>	7.875%
<b>Yield to Maturity</b>	7.971%
<b>Spread over Benchmark Treasury</b>	437.5 basis points
<b>Security</b>	
<b>Benchmark Treasury Security</b>	UST 3.125% due May 2019
<b>Benchmark Treasury Rate</b>	3.596%
<b>Interest Payment Dates</b>	Semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, beginning on February 1, 2010
<b>Record Dates</b>	January 15 and July 15
<b>Optional Redemption</b>	Redeemable at any time in amount equal to the principal amount plus a make whole premium, using a discount rate of Treasury + 50 bps, plus accrued and unpaid interest
<b>Trade Date</b>	July 15, 2009
<b>Expected Settlement Date</b>	July 21, 2009
<b>Joint Book-Running Managers</b>	Barclays Capital Inc. (45%) Goldman, Sachs & Co. (25%) Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (10%) Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. (10%) Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (10%)
<b>Denominations</b>	\$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 thereof.
<b>CUSIP/ISIN Numbers</b>	CUSIP: 779382AK6 ISIN: US779382AK60

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