

ROWAN COMPANIES INC
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Voting Items The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each nominee in item 1 and FOR Items 2 and 3. 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS Nominees: 01) Thomas R. Hix 02) Robert E. Kramek 03) Frederick R. Lausen 04) Lawrence J. Ruisi 2. Approve the 2009 Rowan Companies, Inc. Incentive Plan. 3. Ratify the appointment of Deloitte Touche LLP as independent auditors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

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