

Cowen Group, Inc.  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KOTLER STEVEN**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O COWEN GROUP, INC., 1221 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS**

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10020**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Cowen Group, Inc. [COWN]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**09/13/2006**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount                                       | (D) | Price |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|----------|
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| (Instr. 3)                      | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |     |                     |                    |                 |  |      |  |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|-------------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|------|--|
|                                 |                                    |                  | Code       | V   | (A)                     | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |      |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units(1) | \$ 15.32                           | 09/13/2006       | A          |   | 1,632                   |     | <u>(1)</u>          | <u>(1)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 1,632                                  | \$ 1 |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KOTLER STEVEN<br>C/O COWEN GROUP, INC.<br>1221 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS<br>NEW YORK, NY 10020 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Steven Kotler                      09/13/2006  
 \_\_Signature of                              Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The Restricted Stock Units are vested and not subject to forfeiture. The shares underlying the Restricted Stock Units will be delivered in accordance with the terms of the award agreement between the Issuer and the Reporting Person.

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