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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement BOWNE & CO INC [BNE] Lee William P (Month/Day/Year) 06/24/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 55 WATER STREET. 11TH (Check all applicable) **FLOOR** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting President, CMC Person NEW YORK, NYÂ 10041 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â 29,118 (1) Common Stock D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect	
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion or Exercise	Ownership	Beneficial	
(Instr. 4) (Mon	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security		Form of	Ownership	
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)	
	D . E . 11	Title	Derivative	Security:		
	Date Exercisable		Security	Direct (D)		

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option to buy Common Stock	06/24/2009(2)	12/30/2010	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 13.855	D	Â
Option to buy Common Stock	06/24/2009(3)	12/12/2010	Comon Stock	7,500	\$ 14	D	Â
Option to buy Common Stock	(3)	02/12/2013	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 14.96	D	Â
Options to buy Common Stock	(4)	12/09/2015	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 4.045	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Fg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Lee William P						
55 WATER STREET	â	â	President, CMC	â		
11TH FLOOR	А	A	A Flesidelli, Civic	A		
NEW YORK, NY 10041						

Signatures

William P.Lee by Scott Spitzer under Power of Attorney 06/24/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned as of the date reported, including the number of deferred stock units credited to the Reporting Person under Company plans.
- (2) Non-Qualified stock options granted under the Company's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. Options became exercisable in 50% increments on the first two anniversaries of the grant.
- (3) Incentive Stock Options granted under the Company's 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan. Options became exercisable in 25% increments on the first four anniversaries of the grant.
- (4) Incentive Stock Options granted under the Company's 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan. Options became exercisable in 25% increments on the first four anniversaries of the grant and expire on 12/09/2015.

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