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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Beitler Elaine

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
55 WATER STREET  
(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10041

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BOWNE & CO INC [BNE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/14/2008

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)  
President, BMBC

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 267 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A  | \$ 18.084 10,244 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup> D |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 51,051 <sup>(4)</sup>   | A  | \$ 14.4 61,295 <sup>(2)</sup> D                  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2008                           |  | F                              |   | 22,360 <sup>(5)</sup>   | D  | \$ 14.4 38,935 <sup>(2)</sup> D                  |

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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| Beitler Elaine<br>55 WATER STREET<br>NEW YORK, NY 10041 |               |           | President, BMBC |       |

## Signatures

Elaine Beitler by Scott Spitzer under Power of Attorney  
 Signature of Reporting Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 03/18/2008

## 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) Deferred stock units credited to the Reporting Person under Company plans as permitted under applicable SEC rules.
- (2) 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 as permitted under applicable SEC rules.
- (3) This number includes units previously acquired by dividend reinvestment.
- (4) Shares of Common Stock granted as a Long Term Equity Incentive Award pursuant to the Amended and Restated 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (5) Securities withheld incident to the settlement of the Long Term Equity Incentive Award.

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