

Lasota Stephen
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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 *
Lasota Stephen

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O COWEN GROUP, INC., 599
LEXINGTON AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COWEN GROUP, INC. [COWN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/29/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 63,907 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 72,868 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 53,289 | I | See Footnote ⁽³⁾ |
| Class A Common | 12/29/2010 | | J ⁽⁴⁾ | 9,401 A \$ 0 | 9,401 ⁽⁴⁾ | D | |

Stock

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 Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | 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 |
| Lasota Stephen C/O COWEN GROUP, INC. 599 LEXINGTON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Stephen
Lasota
01/03/2011
Date

**Signature of 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) Restricted stock units that vest with respect to 10% on June 7, 2010; 15% on August 15, 2010; 10% on May 15, 2011; 15% on August 15, 2011; 25% on May 15, 2012; and 25% on May 15, 2013.
- (2) Restricted stock units that will vest on May 15, 2013.
- (3)

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Represents shares in which the Reporting Person may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest held by RCG Holdings LLC and allocated to the Reporting Person in connection with his ownership interest in RCG Holdings LLC.

- (4) Represents shares distributed to the Reporting Person by RCG Holdings LLC, formerly reported as shares in which the Reporting Person may be deemed to have a pecuniary (and indirect beneficial ownership) interest held by RCG Holdings LLC, in connection with the Reporting Person's withdrawal of one-third of his capital from RCG Holdings LLC as of December 31, 2010.

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