

BOWNE & CO INC  
Form 8-K  
June 01, 2005

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

May 26, 2005

**Bowne & Co., Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-05842

13-2618477

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

345 Hudson Street, New York, New York

10014

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

212-924-5500

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On May 26, 2005, the Compensation and Management Development Committee of the Board of Directors of Bowne & Co., Inc. (the "Company") approved the following changes to non-management director compensation, effective immediately: (1) the annual cash retainer for each non-management director has been increased to \$35,000 from \$20,000; voluntary deferral of the retainer into Deferred Stock Units (DSUs) or Company stock options with a 20% match remains unchanged; (2) the annual stock retainer for each non-management director has been increased to \$50,000 in Company stock from \$30,000 in Company stock; mandatory deferral of the retainer into DSUs or Company stock options remains unchanged; (3) compensation for the Non Executive Chairman has been eliminated since the position has been eliminated and the Chief Executive Officer has been appointed to the additional position of Chairman; and (4) compensation for the Presiding Director, a newly created position which will be held by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, is the same as the other non-management directors and, in addition, includes an annual cash retainer of \$25,000, subject to voluntary deferral into DSUs or stock options with a 20% match.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Bowne & Co., Inc.

*June 1, 2005*

By: *Scott L. Spitzer*

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*Name: Scott L. Spitzer*

*Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary*