

Littman Owen S
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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 *
 Littman Owen S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)
 03/15/2013

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)
 General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Code | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am Nur Sha |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Stock Appreciation Rights | <u> </u> | 03/15/2013 | A | 100,000 | | | | 03/15/2018 | 03/15/2018 | Class A Common Stock | 10 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Littman Owen S COWEN GROUP, INC. 599 LEXINGTON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022 | | | General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ Owen S.
Littman

03/19/2013

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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 stock appreciation rights ("SARs") will be valued at the 180-day volume-weighted average price of Class A Common Stock prior to the vesting date of March 15, 2018.

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