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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ^ Holmes John J (Last) (First) (Middle) COWEN GROUP, INC., ^ 599 LEXINGTON AVENUE (Street) NEW YORK, ^ NY ^ 10022 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2013	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COWEN GROUP, INC. [COWN]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Administrative Officer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	408,709	D	^

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Class	Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Appreciation Rights	03/15/2018	03/15/2018	Class A Common Stock	100,000	\$ <u>(1)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Holmes John J COWEN GROUP, INC. 599 LEXINGTON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	Â	Â	Â Chief Administrative Officer	Â

Signatures

/s/ John Holmes 05/10/2013
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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 stock appreciation rights ("SARs") will be valued at the 10-day volume-weighted average price of Class A Common Stock prior to the vesting date of March 15, 2018.

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Remarks:

The Reporting person was appointed an executive officer of the Issuer on May 2, 2013.

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