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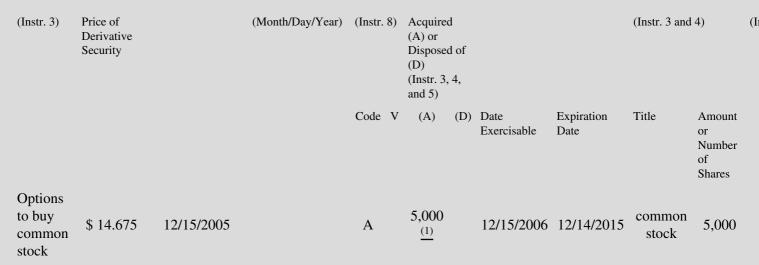
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(Print or Type Respo	nses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> SMITH WENDELL M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOWNE & CO INC [BNE]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)				
BOWNE & CO., INC.,, 345 HUDSON STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2005			X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 					
NEW YORK, N	Y 10014						Person		1 0		
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	ansaction Date hth/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) or l of (D) 4 and 5) (A) or	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)		
Reminder: Report or	a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities benet	ficially ov	ned 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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount	8.
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	of Underlying	D
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	Securities	Se

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SMITH WENDELL M BOWNE & CO., INC., 345 HUDSON STREET NEW YORK, NY 10014	Х						
Signatures							
Wendell M. Smith by Scott L. Spitzer under Power of Attorney							

**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) Non-Qualified stock options granted under the Company's 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan. Options become exercisable on 12/15/2006 and expire on 12/14/2015.

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