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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement BOWNE & CO INC [BNE] Beitler Elaine (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) **55 WATER STREET** (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting \_X\_\_ Officer Other Person NEW YORK, NYÂ 10041 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One President, BMBC Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock  $10,755.2 \frac{(1)}{2}$ Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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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)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Options to buy Common Stock	(2)	06/24/2008	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 22.5	D	Â
Options to buy Common Stock	(3)	12/15/2009	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 12.2188	D	Â
Options to buy Common Stock	(4)	12/12/2010	Common Stock	19,400	\$ 8.8438	D	Â
Options to buy Common Stock	(5)	12/10/2008	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 12.91	D	Â
Options to buy Common Stock	(5)	12/18/2009	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 10.58	D	Â
Options to buy Common Stock	(5)	12/30/2010	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 13.855	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Beitler Elaine 55 WATER STREET NEW YORK, NY 10041	Â	Â	President, BMBC	Â		

## **Signatures**

Elaine Beitler by Scott L. Spitzer under Power of Attorney 02/08/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **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).

The number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned as of the date reported, including the number of deferred stock units credited to the Reporting Person under Company plans, as permitted under applicable SEC rules, and including Restricted Stock granted under the

- (1) 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan for no-cash consideration in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). This Restricted Stock grant will vest by a third on the first three anniversaries of the grant, the to be fully vested in three years. The entire grant will immediately vest upon the grantee's retirement with the approval of the Board of Directors, his permanently disability or death.
- (2) Incentive Stock Options granted under the Company's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan. Options became exercisable in 25% increments on the first four anniversaries of the grant.
- (3) Non-Qualified stock options, granted under the Company's 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan, becoming exercisable in 25% increments on the first four anniversaries of the grant.
- (4) Non-Qualified stock options granted under the Company's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. Options become exercisable in 50% increments on the first two anniversaries of the grant.
- (5) Non-Qualified stock options granted under the Company's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. Options become exercisable in 50% increments on the first two anniversaries of the grant.

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