BOWNE & CO INC

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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 *

(Last)

Walker John J

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

09/18/2006

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BOWNE & CO INC [BNE]

4. Relationship of Reporting

Director

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

55 WATER STREET

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

_X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One SVP, Chief Financial Officer Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10041

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

Form: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Beneficial Ownership Form of (Instr. 5)

Expiration Date Exercisable

Date

Amount or Title Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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Options to buy Common Stock $\hat{A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} 09/17/2013 \stackrel{Common}{Stock} 25,000 14.54 D \hat{A}

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Walker John J

55 WATER STREET Â Â SVP, Chief Financial Officer Â

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10041

Signatures

John Walker by Scott L. Spitzer under Power of Attorney 10/18/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) Incentive Stock Options granted under the Company's 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan. Options became exercisable in 25% increments on the first four anniversaries of the grant.

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