

BOWNE & CO INC  
Form 8-K  
January 09, 2006

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

January 3, 2006

**Bowne & Co., Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-05842

13-2618477

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

345 Hudson Street, New York, New York

10014

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

212-924-5500

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On January 3, 2006, the Company completed the acquisition of the Marketing and Business Communications division (MBC) of Vestcom International, Inc. and several of its affiliates. The signing of an asset purchase agreement for this transaction was previously announced in a press release dated December 20, 2005 that was filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 8-K on December 22, 2005.

The Company issued a press release on January 3, 2006 announcing the completion of the MBC acquisition. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

Some of the statements contained in Item 1.01 of this report are "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Generally, forward-looking statements are based upon current expectations and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those contemplated by such statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the ability of Bowne & Co., Inc. (the "Company") to integrate the operations of MBC into its operations, demand for and acceptance of the Company's services, competition and general economic or market conditions, and other factors that may be referred to in the Company's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Bowne & Co., Inc.

*January 9, 2006*

By: *Scott L. Spitzer*

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*Name: Scott L. Spitzer*

*Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary*

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| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>             |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1                      | Press release, dated January 3, 2006. |