

BOWNE & CO INC  
Form 8-K  
February 06, 2009

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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): February 6, 2009  
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.)
55 Water Street, New York, New York		10041
(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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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On February 6, 2009, Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) lowered its corporate credit rating on Bowne & Co., Inc. (the Company) to B1 from Ba3, and also lowered its rating on the Company's convertible subordinated debentures to B3 from B2. These ratings conclude Moody's review which commenced on November 14, 2008.

A copy of the press release released by Moody's is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**Exhibits**

99.1 Moody's press release dated February 6, 2009

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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.

*February 6, 2009*

*By: /s/ John J. Walker*

*Name: John J. Walker*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*