

BOWNE & CO INC  
Form 8-K  
January 28, 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):

January 23, 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

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**Item 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.**

In light of the continued decline in overall capital markets activity experienced in 2008 and the uncertainty surrounding current economic conditions, the Company reduced its workforce by approximately 200 positions, or 6% of the Company's total headcount. The reduction in workforce was substantially completed on January 23, 2009, and included a broad range of functions and was enterprise wide. The Company estimates that the related restructuring charges, primarily severance and other employee-related costs, resulting from these actions will result in a first quarter 2009 pre-tax charge of \$4.0 million, and will result in annualized cost savings of \$12.0 million.

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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 28, 2009*

By: *John J. Walker*

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*Name: John J. Walker*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*