

BOWNE & CO INC
Form 8-K
December 11, 2009

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):

December 9, 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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 9, 2009, the Directors of Bowne & Co., Inc. amended the provisions of the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan for the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. His target benefit is now equal to 3% of average compensation times years of credit service (not greater than 20 years) to be paid upon retirement at normal retirement. Average compensation is now defined as the average of the 3 highest years of base salary and the 3 highest years of annual incentive awards in the last 10 years.

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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.

December 11, 2009

By: */s/ Scott L. Spitzer*

Name: Scott L. Spitzer

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary