

BOWNE & CO INC  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2005

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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):

December 16, 2005

**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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 8.01 Other Events.**

Bowne & Co., Inc.'s (NYSE: BNE) Board of Directors has authorized an increase of \$75 million to its previously announced stock repurchase program.

Under the repurchase program as approved by the Board, an additional \$75 million in shares of the Company's common stock may be repurchased from time to time in both privately negotiated and open market transactions during a period of up to two years, subject to management's evaluation of market conditions, terms of private transactions, applicable legal requirements and other factors.

Approximately \$15 million of this repurchase program is expected to be acquired under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

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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 16, 2005*

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>             |
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| 99.1                      | Press Release dated December 15, 2005 |