

BOWNE & CO INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SHEA DAVID

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BOWNE & CO., INC., 345
 HUDSON STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10014

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BOWNE & CO INC [BNE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 10/27/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Pres. and Chief Operating Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	10/27/2004		A		10,000 (1) \$ 0 (2)	60,470 (3)	D
Common Stock	10/27/2004		A		10,000 (4) \$ 0 (2)	70,470 (3)	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHEA DAVID BOWNE & CO., INC., 345 HUDSON STREET NEW YORK, NY 10014	X		Pres. and Chief Operating Off.	

Signatures

David J. Shea by Scott L. Spitzer under Power of Attorney 10/28/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Restricted Stock granted under the 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan. On the first three anniversaries of the grant, the grant will vest one third per year. The entire grant will immediately vest upon the grantee's retirement with the approval of the Board of Directors, his permanently disability or death.
- (2) Restricted Stock granted for no-cash consideration in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).
- (3) The number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned as of the date reported, including the number of deferred stock units credited to the Reporting Person under Company plans as permitted under applicable SEC rules.
- Restricted Stock granted under the 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan. On the first two anniversaries of the grant, the grant will vest by one half per year. The entire grant will immediately vest upon the grantee's retirement with the approval of the Board of Directors, his permanently disability or death.

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