BOWNE & CO INC

Form 4

December 17, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

BOWNE & CO INC [BNE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WILLIAMS LEMUEL ANDERSON

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

BOWNE & CO., INC., 345

HUDSON ST.

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/16/2004

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _X_ Other (specify

below) below) Senior Vice President / Pres. Bowne

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEW YORK, NY 10014

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of Underlying

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options to buy Common Stock	\$ 15.355	12/16/2004		A	26,000 (1)		<u>(1)</u>	12/15/2011	common stock	26,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WILLIAMS LEMUEL ANDERSON BOWNE & CO., INC. 345 HUDSON ST. NEW YORK, NY 10014

Senior Vice President Pres. Bowne Financial Prin

Signatures

Lemuel Anderson Williams by Scott L. Spitzer under Power of Attorney

12/17/2004

**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).
- (1) Incentive Stock Options granted under the Company's 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan. Options became exercisable in 25% increments on the first four anniversaries of the grant.

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