

LABRANCHE GEORGE M L IV  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â LABRANCHE GEORGE M L IV		(Month/Day/Year)	COWEN GROUP, INC. [COWN]	
(Last)	(First)	06/28/2011		
COWEN GROUP, INC., Â 599 LEXINGTON AVENUE		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10022		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Senior Managing Director		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	1,697,691 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	1,297,400 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Held by wife

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)
		Title			

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LABRANCHE GEORGE M L IV COWEN GROUP, INC. 599 LEXINGTON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	X		Senior Managing Director	

## Signatures

/s/ George M.L.  
LaBranche IV

07/07/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Received in exchange for 1,701,094 shares of LaBranche & Co Inc. ("LaBranche") common stock upon consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 16, 2011, by and among the Issuer, Louisiana Merger Sub, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer, and LaBranche.
- (2) Received in exchange for 1,300,000 shares of LaBranche & Co Inc. ("LaBranche") common stock upon consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 16, 2011, by and among the Issuer, Louisiana Merger Sub, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer, and LaBranche.

### Remarks:

The Reporting Person was appointed as an officer and director of the Issuer on June 28, 2011.

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