

McSpadden Joseph L
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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 *
 McSpadden Joseph L

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 55 WATER STREET, 11TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/09/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President, MC

(Street)
 NEW YORK, NY 10041

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	12/09/2009		A	5,000 A	\$ 0 (1) 8,182 (2)	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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to buy Common Stock	\$ 6.515	12/09/2009		A	12,500	(3) 12/08/2016	Common Stock	12,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McSpadden Joseph L 55 WATER STREET, 11TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10041			President, MC	

Signatures

Joseph L. McSpadden by Scott spitzer under Power of Attorney
 12/11/2009
 **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) Restricted Stock granted for no-cash consideration in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).

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, and including Restricted Stock granted under the

(2) 1999 Incentive Compensation Plan for no-cash consideration in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). This Restricted Stock grant will vest by a fourth on the first four anniversaries of the grant, to be fully vested in four years. The entire grant will immediately vest upon the grantee's retirement with the approval of the Board of Directors, his permanent disability or death.

(3) 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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