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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Holmes John J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) COWEN INC. 599 LEXINGTON AVENUE (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COWEN INC. [COWN]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Operating Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/15/2018</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2018		M		25,000	A	\$11.6	158,668	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2018		D		20,402 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$14.2143	138,266	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2018		F		2,252 ⁽²⁾	D	\$14.2143	136,014	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$11.6	03/15/2018		M		25,000		03/15/2018	03/15/2018	Class A Common Stock	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- This represents the difference between the number of stock appreciation rights ("SARs") exercised (25,000) and the number of shares issued as a result of the exercise (4,598). Each SAR represents the right, upon exercise, to receive a number of shares of Class A Common Stock equal in value to the number, if any, by which the 10-calendar day volume-weighted average price of the Company's Class A Common stock prior to the exercise date exceeds the exercise price.
- This represents the withholding of shares of Class A Common Stock to satisfy tax withholding obligations associated with the exercise of the SARs reported in this Form 4.

/s/ John Holmes 03/19/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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