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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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>STRAUSS THOMAS W</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O COWEN GROUP, INC. 599 LEXINGTON AVENUE <hr/> (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2009	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COWEN GROUP, INC. [ COWN ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>CEO/PRES. RAMIUS ALT. SOL. LLC</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 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

**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	2,874,001	I	See Footnote <sup>(1)</sup>

**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 (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. These shares represent the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in shares of Class A Common Stock held by RCG Holdings LLC (f/k/a Ramius LLC) ("RCG"), of which the Reporting Person is a member.

**Remarks:**

The Reporting Person was appointed as an officer of the Issuer on November 2, 2009 in connection with the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Agreement and Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of June 3, 2009, by and among Cowen Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Cowen Group, Inc.), Cowen Group, Inc. (f/k/a LexingtonPark Parent Corp.), Lexington Merger Corp., Ramius LLC (f/k/a Park Exchange LLC) and RCG.

/s/ Thomas W. Strauss 11/02/2009

\*\* 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 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).

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