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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO:  
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**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**COWEN INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

27-0423711  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**599 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10022  
(212) 845-7900**  
(Address, including zip code of Principal Executive Offices)

**Cowen Inc. 2010 Equity and Incentive Plan**  
(Full title of the plan)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer:       Accelerated filer:       Non-accelerated filer:       Smaller reporting company       Emerging growth company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 (this “Post-Effective Amendment”) to each of the following Registration Statements on Form S-8 (collectively, the “Prior Registration Statements”) of Cowen Inc. (the “Company”) is being filed to terminate all offerings under the Prior Registration Statements and deregister any and all securities that remain unsold pursuant to the Prior Registration Statements:

1. Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-167360, filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) on June 7, 2010, registering the offer and sale of 1,875,000 shares of the Company’s Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Class A Common Stock”) (as adjusted to reflect the one-for-four reverse stock split effected by the Company on December 5, 2016 (the “Reverse Stock Split”)) issuable pursuant to the Company’s 2010 Equity and Incentive Plan (the “2010 Plan”);
2. Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-174283, filed with the Commission on May 17, 2011, registering the offer and sale of 232,147 shares of Class A Common Stock (as adjusted to reflect the Reverse Stock Split) issuable pursuant to the 2010 Plan;
3. Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-180046, filed with the Commission on March 12, 2012, registering the offer and sale of 2,056,369 shares of Class A Common Stock (as adjusted to reflect the Reverse Stock Split) issuable pursuant to the 2010 Plan;
4. Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-187355, filed with the Commission on March 19, 2013, registering the offer and sale of 1,876,700 shares of Class A Common Stock (as adjusted to reflect the Reverse Stock Split) issuable pursuant to the 2010 Plan;
5. Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-194520, filed with the Commission on March 12, 2014, registering the offer and sale of 2,156,37 shares of Class A Common Stock (as adjusted to reflect the Reverse Stock Split) issuable pursuant to the 2010 Plan;
6. Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-202529, filed with the Commission on March 5, 2015, registering the offer and sale of 1,981,000 shares of Class A Common Stock (as adjusted to reflect the Reverse Stock Split) issuable pursuant to the 2010 Plan;
7. Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-209939, filed with the Commission on March 4, 2016, registering the offer and sale of 1,968,497 shares of Class A Common Stock (as adjusted to reflect the Reverse Stock Split) issuable pursuant to the 2010 Plan;
8. Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-216440, filed with the Commission on March 3, 2017, registering the offer and sale of 2,004,496 shares of Class A Common Stock issuable pursuant to the 2010 Plan;
9. Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-223490, filed with the Commission on March 7, 2018, registering the offer and sale of 2,222,402 shares of Class A Common Stock issuable pursuant to the 2010 Plan;
10. Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-230135, filed with the Commission on March 7, 2019, registering the offer and sale of 2,132,561 shares of Class A Common Stock issuable pursuant to the 2010 Plan; and

11. Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-236913, filed with the Commission on March 5, 2020, registering the offer and sale of 2,145,729 shares of Class A Common Stock issuable pursuant to the 2010 Plan.

On June 22, 2020 (the "Approval Date"), at the Company's 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the Company's stockholders approved the Company's 2020 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2020 Plan") to succeed the 2010 Plan.

#### **DEREGISTRATION OF UNSOLD SECURITIES**

In accordance with the undertaking contained in the Prior Registration Statements, effective immediately upon the filing of this Post-Effective Amendment, the Company hereby deregisters any and all shares of Class A Common Stock previously registered with the Commission under the Prior Registration Statements that remain unsold as of the Approval Date and hereby terminates the effectiveness of the Prior Registration Statements; provided, that the Prior Registration Statements will remain in effect, however, to cover the potential issuance of shares of Class A Common Stock pursuant to awards outstanding granted under the 2010 Plan prior to the Approval Date.

Concurrently with this Post-Effective Amendment, the Company is filing a Registration Statement on Form S-8 to register the offer and sale of 3,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock issuable pursuant to the 2020 Plan.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, State of New York, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

COWEN INC.

By: /s/ Owen S. Littman

Name: Owen S. Littman

Title: General Counsel

Note: No other person is required to sign this Post-Effective Amendment in reliance upon Rule 478 under the Securities Act.