

Cowen Group, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
February 18, 2009

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

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 18, 2009**

**COWEN GROUP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**000-52048**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**84-1702964**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**10020**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(646) 562-1000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 18, 2009, Cowen Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company ) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and full year ended December 31, 2008, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in Exhibit 99.1 is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the Exchange Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibit

99.1 Press Release issued by the Company dated February 18, 2009.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

COWEN GROUP, INC.

Date: February 18, 2009

By:

*/s/ Christopher A. White*

Name: Christopher A. White

Title: Vice President