

COWEN GROUP, INC.
Form SC 13D/A
March 16, 2011

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 4)*

Cowen Group, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock, Par Value \$.01

(Title of Class of Securities)

223622 101

(CUSIP Number)

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Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

March 8, 2011

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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| 1 | Name of Reporting Person
RCG Holdings LLC |
| 2 | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group
(a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> o |
| 3 | SEC Use Only |
| 4 | Source of Funds
OO |
| 5 | Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/> o |
| 6 | Citizenship or Place of Organization
Delaware |
| Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With: | 7 Sole Voting Power
32,616,294 |
| | 8 Shared Voting Power
0 |
| | 9 Sole Dispositive Power
32,616,294 |
| | 10 Shared Dispositive Power
0 |
| 11 | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
32,616,294 |
| 12 | Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares <input type="checkbox"/> o |
| 13 | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
43.0% |
| 14 | Type of Reporting Person
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C4S & CO., L.L.C. |
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PETER A. COHEN
 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*
 - (a) x
 - (b) o
 3. SEC Use Only
 4. Source of Funds
OO
 5. Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o
 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization
USA
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MORGAN B. STARK
 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*
(a) x
(b) o
 3. SEC Use Only
 4. Source of Funds
OO
 5. Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o
 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization
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JEFFREY M. SOLOMON
 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*
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(b) o
 3. SEC Use Only
 4. Source of Funds
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 5. Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o
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THOMAS W. STRAUSS
 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*
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(b) o
 3. SEC Use Only
 4. Source of Funds
OO
 5. Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o
 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization
USA
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SCHEDULE 13D

This Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13D, dated March 16, 2011 (“Amendment No. 4”), amends the Schedule 13D originally filed on November 12, 2009 (the “Original 13D”), as amended, by RCG Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“RCG”), C4S & Co., L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (“C4S”), which serves as managing member of RCG, Peter A. Cohen, who serves as one of the managing members of C4S, Morgan B. Stark, who serves as one of the managing members of C4S, Jeffrey M. Solomon, who serves as one of the managing members of C4S and Thomas W. Strauss, who serves as one of the managing members of C4S. This Amendment No. 4 relates to the Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Shares”), of Cowen Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Issuer”), with principal executive offices at 599 Lexington Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, New York 10022. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Original 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 75,882,678 Shares outstanding as of March 10, 2011, which figure is based on the Issuer’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 14, 2011.

A. RCG

(a) RCG is the beneficial owner for purposes of Rule 13d-3 of 32,616,294 Shares, which it owns directly.

Percentage: Approximately 43.0%.

(b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 32,616,294

2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0

3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 32,616,294

4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) The transactions in the Shares by RCG in the past 60 days are as follows:

· On March 8, 2011, RCG distributed an additional 959,805 Shares to certain non-affiliate members of RCG, each of whom had withdrawn one-third of their capital from RCG as of December 31, 2010.

B. C4S

(a) C4S, as the managing member of RCG, may be deemed the beneficial owner for purposes of Rule 13d-3 of the 32,616,294 Shares owned by RCG.

Percentage: Approximately 43.0%.

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 32,616,294
- 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 0
- 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 32,616,294
- 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0

(c) C4S has not entered into any transactions in the Shares in the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares in the past 60 days on behalf of RCG are as follows:

- On March 8, 2011, RCG distributed an additional 959,805 Shares to certain non-affiliate members of RCG, each of whom had withdrawn one-third of their capital from RCG as of December 31, 2010.

C. Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Strauss and Solomon

(a) Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Strauss and Solomon, as a managing member of C4S, may be deemed the beneficial owner for purposes of Rule 13d-3 of the 32,616,294 Shares owned by RCG.

Percentage: Approximately 43.0%.

- (b) 1. Sole power to vote or direct vote: 0
- 2. Shared power to vote or direct vote: 32,616,294
- 3. Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: 0
- 4. Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 32,616,294

(c) None of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Strauss or Solomon has entered into any transactions in the Shares in the past 60 days. The transactions in the Shares in the past 60 days on behalf of RCG are as follows:

- On March 8, 2011, RCG distributed an additional 959,805 Shares to certain non-affiliate members of RCG, each of whom had withdrawn one-third of their capital from RCG as of December 31, 2010.

(d) Certain members of RCG other than the Reporting Persons have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, certain Shares of Class A Common Stock that are held by RCG and that are allocated to them in connection with their ownership interest in RCG; however, these rights are limited by certain restrictions, as described in Item 6 below.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationship with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

Item 6 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

On March 8, 2011, RCG distributed an additional 959,805 Shares attributable to certain RCG members to satisfy the withdrawal requests of these RCG members who withdrew one-third of their capital from RCG as of December 31, 2010.

Following the distribution, RCG holds 32,616,294 Shares.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of each of the undersigned knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 16, 2011

RCG HOLDINGS LLC

By: C4S & Co., L.L.C.,
as managing member

By: /s/ Owen S. Littman
Name: Owen S. Littman
Title: Attorney-in-fact for Jeffrey M. Solomon, as
Managing Member*

C4S & CO., L.L.C.

By: /s/ Owen S. Littman
Name: Owen S. Littman
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Managing Member*

JEFFREY M. SOLOMON

By: /s/ Owen S. Littman
Name: Owen S. Littman
Title: Attorney-in-fact*

PETER A. COHEN

By: /s/ Owen S. Littman
Name: Owen S. Littman
Title: Attorney-in-fact*

MORGAN B. STARK

By: /s/ Owen S. Littman
Name: Owen S. Littman
Title: Attorney-in-fact*

THOMAS W. STRAUSS

By: /s/ Owen S. Littman
Name: Owen S. Littman
Title: Attorney-in-fact*

*Power of Attorney given by Mr. Solomon, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Stark and Mr. Strauss was previously filed with the SEC on April 27, 2010, as an Exhibit to a Form 4 filed by Ramius LLC, the Issuer, and the Reporting Persons, as a group, with respect to Immersion Corporation.