

agencies with ensuring compliance with the Rule 17f-2. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: July 2, 1999.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

[Extension: Rule 17Ac3-1(a) and Form TA-W; SEC File No. 270-96; OMB Control No. 3235-0151]

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for approval of extension on the following rule and form: Rule 17Ac3-1(a) and Form TA-W.

Subsection (c)(3)(C) of section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") authorizes transfer agents registered with an appropriate regulatory agency ("ARA") to withdraw from registration by filing with the ARA a written notice of withdrawal and by agreeing to such terms and conditions as the ARA deems necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or in the furtherance of the purposes of Section 17A.

In order to implement section 17A(c)(3)(C) of the Exchange Act the Commission, on September 1, 1977,

promulgated rule 17Ac3-1(a) and accompanying Form TA-W. Rule 17Ac3-1(a) provides that notice of withdrawal from registration as a transfer agent with the Commission shall be filed on Form TA-W. Form TA-W requires the withdrawing transfer agent to provide the Commission with certain information, including (1) The locations where transfer agent activities are or were performed; (2) the reasons for ceasing the performance of such activities; (3) disclosure of unsatisfied judgments or liens; and (4) information regarding successor transfer agents.

The Commission uses the information disclosed on Form TA-W to determine whether the registered transfer agent applying for withdrawal from registration as a transfer agent should be allowed to deregister, if so, whether the Commission should attach to the granting of the application any terms or conditions necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or in furtherance of the purposes of section 17A of the Exchange Act. Without Rule 17Ac3-1(a) and Form TA-W, transfer agents registered with the Commission would not have a means for voluntary deregistration when necessary or appropriate to do so.

Respondents file approximately thirty Form TA-Ws with the Commission annually. The filing of a Form TA-W occurs only once, when a transfer agent is seeking deregistration. In view of the ready availability of the information requested by Form TA-W, its short and simple presentation, and the Commission's experience with the Form, we estimate that approximately one half hour is required to complete Form TA-W, including clerical time. Thus, the total burden of fifteen hours of preparation for all transfer agents seeking deregistration in any one year is negligible.

The Commission estimates a cost of approximately \$35 for each half hour required to complete a Form TA-W. Therefore, based upon a total of fifteen hours, transfer agents spend approximately \$1,050 each year to complete thirty Form TA-Ws.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC

20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: July 7, 1999.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Bowne & Co., Inc., Common Stock, Par Value \$.01 per Share, and Associated Preferred Stock Purchase Rights) File No. 1-5842

July 7, 1999.

Bowne & Co., Inc. ("Company") has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 12d2-2(d) promulgated thereunder, to withdraw the securities specified above ("Securities") from listing and regulation on the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange").

The Securities have been listed for trading on the Amex and, pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the Commission which became effective on May 27, 1999, as amended thereafter on the New York Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE"). Trading in the Securities on the NYSE commenced at the opening of business on July 1, 1999.

The Company has complied with the rules of the Amex by filing with the Exchange a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Company's Board or Directors authorizing the withdrawal of its Securities from listing on the Exchange and by setting forth in detail to the Amex the reasons for such proposed withdrawal, and the facts in support thereof. The Amex has in turn informed the Company that it would not interpose any objection to the withdrawal of the Company's Securities from listing on the Exchange.

In making the decision to withdraw its Securities from listing on the Amex and to list them instead on the NYSE, the Company has considered, among other factors, its visibility in the investment community and the opportunities that may be available to it as a company listed on the NYSE to make investors more aware of its efforts at diversification of its business.

The Company's application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Securities from listing on the Amex and shall have no effect upon the continued listing of the Securities on the NYSE.