

LABRANCHE GEORGE M L IV  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LABRANCHE GEORGE M L IV

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
LABRANCHE & CO INC [LAB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/28/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

Chairman, CEO & President

C/O LABRANCHE & CO., INC., 33 WHITEHALL STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10004

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
"LAB" Common Stock	06/28/2011		D <sup>(1)</sup>	1,701,094	D		
"LAB" Common Stock	06/28/2011		D <sup>(1)</sup>	1,300,000	D	I	Held by Wife

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Option to purchase "LAB" common stock	\$ 35	06/28/2011		D <sup>(2)</sup>	200,000	01/17/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/17/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	"LAB" Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LABRANCHE GEORGE M L IV C/O LABRANCHE & CO., INC. 33 WHITEHALL STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004	X		Chairman, CEO & President	

## Signatures

George M.L.  
LaBranche, IV  
06/29/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
  - (1) Disposed of pursuant to Agreement and Plan of Merger among Cowen Group, Inc. ("Cowen"), Louisiana Merger Sub Inc. and LaBranche & Co Inc. ("LaBranche") dated February 16, 2011. Each share of LaBranche Common Stock was exchanged for 0.998 shares of Cowen Class A common stock having a market value of \$3.82 per share on the effective date of the merger.
  - (2) This option, which was 100% vested but unexercised, was terminated without consideration immediately prior to the effective time of the merger.

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