#### LABRANCHE GEORGE M L IV

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## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Add<br>LABRANCHI                      |         | -        | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABRANCHE & CO INC [LAB] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|--|---|--|--|
| (Last)  | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction                                      | (Check all applicable)  |  |  |
|   |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)   | X Director 10% Owner  |  |  |
| C/O LABRANCHE & CO., INC., 33<br>WHITEHALL STREET |         |          | 06/28/2011   | _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)   |  |  |
|   |         |          |  | Chairman, CEO & President   |  |  |
| (Street)  |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original                                       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check   |  |  |
|   |         |          | Filed(Month/Day/Year)  | Applicable Line)  |  |  |
| NEW YORK, NY 10004                                |         |          |  | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tab   | le I - Non-l                            | Derivative Sec   | urities | s Acqui | red, Disposed of   | , or Beneficial  | ly Owned  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---------|---------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Approximately 1. | of (D)  | red (A) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| "LAB"<br>Common<br>Stock             | 06/28/2011                              |   | D <u>(1)</u>                            | 1,701,094  | D       | (1)     | 0  | D  |   |
| "LAB"<br>Common<br>Stock             | 06/28/2011                              |   | D <u>(1)</u>                            | 1,300,000  | D       | (1)     | 0  | I  | Held by<br>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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |         | Date (Month/Day/Year) (A) or of (D) |                 | 7. Title and Amo<br>Underlying Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                 |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                  | (A)   | (D)     | Date Exercisable                    | Expiration Date | Title   | An<br>Nu<br>Sha |
| Option to purchase "LAB" common stock               | \$ 35   | 06/28/2011                           |   | D(2)                                    |   | 200,000 | 01/17/2002(2)                       | 01/17/2012(2)   | "LAB"<br>Common<br>Stock                                | 20              |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                           |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| • 5   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |  |  |  |
| LABRANCHE GEORGE M L IV<br>C/O LABRANCHE & CO., INC.<br>33 WHITEHALL STREET<br>NEW YORK, NY 10004 | X             |           | Chairman, CEO & President |       |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

George M.L.
LaBranche, IV

\*\*Signature of Reporting

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).
- Disposed of pursuant to Agreement and Plan of Merger among Cowen Group, Inc. ("Cowen"), Louisiana Merger Sub Inc. and LaBranche (1) & 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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