COWEN GROUP, INC. Form 8-K April 28, 2016

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

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): April 28, 2016

COWEN GROUP, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware001-3451627-0423711(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)(Commission File Number)(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)599 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10022
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 845-7900

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"Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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On April 28, 2016, Cowen Group, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the Company's Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$14.06 per share on the Company's 5.625% Series A Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock. The dividend is payable on May 16, 2016, to the holders of record at the close of business on May 1, 2016. A copy of the press release is attached hereto at Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued by the Company dated April 28, 2016.

SIGNATURES

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

COWEN GROUP, INC.

Dated: April 28, 2016By:Name:Owen S. LittmanTitle:General Counsel

By: /s/ Owen S. Littman