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Proposed Merger with Cowen Group, Inc.  
Creating the Leading Investment Bank for Growth Companies

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for the year ended 12/31/07 in (a) ITEM 1A. Risk Factors, (b) ITEM 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition

and Results of Operations and (c) ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data: Note 10; (2) Rodman's Quarterly Report

on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended 06/30/08 in (a) Part II, Other Information, ITEM 1A. Risk Factors and (b) Part I, Financial

Information, ITEM 1. Financial Statements: Note 7; (3) Rodman's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended 09/30/08

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- By exploiting identified macro-trends, Rodman has continued to expand its PIPEs platform
  - Our strategy:
    - § Continue to grow in our core sectors
    - § Expand our product base
    - § Broaden our geographic footprint
    - § Broaden our potential sources of revenue
    - § Remain focused on expense management
  - Offices in New York, Boston, Houston, Calgary, and affiliate in London
- Acquisitions in 2008 to broaden sector coverage (energy and metals & mining), continue to diversify products and revenue sources (M&A and capital markets), and expand geographic footprint

Rodman & Renshaw Capital Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: RODM)

A full service investment bank dedicated to providing investment banking services to growth companies that have significant recurring capital needs

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Rodman Financial Highlights

Despite the Economic Environment, Rodman Was Profitable in 2007 and Year to Date 09/30/08

Nine months ended 09/30/08 Highlights

- 22% operating margin despite adverse market conditions(1,2)
  - 45% compensation ratio due to our variable compensation structure which aligns producer compensation with productivity and performance(1)
  - 33% non-compensation ratio due to our prudent cash management and expense control policies(2)  
Strong Balance Sheet with No Exposure to Toxic Financial Assets
  - Liquid assets of \$31.9 million as of 09/30/08, consisting of unrestricted cash, restricted cash, Level 1 assets, and current private placement and other fees receivable and due from clearing broker
    - (1) Excludes the cost related to pre-IPO awards
    - (2) Excludes goodwill impairment charge
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Comparable Industry Financial Results

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Rodman's Cost Management Compared to Our Peers

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Cost as a Percentage of Revenue

Nine Months Ended 09/30/08

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- Cowen's sector and market cap focus compared to Rodman's
    - § Shared healthcare focus
      - Little overlap with Rodman's healthcare banking and research coverage
    - § Cowen's other target sectors complement Rodman's non-healthcare focus on energy and metals/mining:
      - Aerospace & Defense
      - Alternative Energy
        - Consumer
        - Technology
      - Telecommunications
    - Meaningful presence on West Coast, Asia, and Europe
      - § Complementary to Rodman's geographic footprint
  - Focus on cash equities/research franchise (low margins), equity capital markets; substantial decline in once-profitable PIPEs franchise
    - Strong, liquid balance sheet deteriorating due to recurring losses
  - § Cash balance of approximately \$111.9 million, as of 09/30/08, less \$34.7 million accrued for bonus payments(1)
    - § Persistent losses are steadily draining cash: \$38.1 million net operating cash outflows between 01/01/07 and 09/30/08(2)
    - § Current market valuation/analysts' estimates reflect expectation of indefinite continuing net cash outflows
- Cowen Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: COWN)
- (1) Cowen's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended 09/30/08 as filed with the SEC  
(2) Cowen's SEC filings
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Cowen's PIPE Practice (2004 - 2008 Annualized)

Cowen's PIPE practice has declined substantially, even though PIPEs are a growing, profitable and counter-cyclical product attractive to Cowen's target sectors

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Revenue Impact of Cowen's Recent PIPEs Performance  
Cowen's Investment Banking Revenue and PIPE Allocation

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Strategic Benefits of the Proposed Combination

Broad Sector Coverage for Combined Firm

- Market leader in Life Science / Healthcare

- Expanded platform in Alternative Energy, Metals & Mining, and Energy

- Retained presence in Consumer, Aerospace & Defense and TMT

Product and Revenue Expansion

- Restore PIPEs revenue to Cowen's existing Healthcare client base

- Drive PIPEs revenue in new sectors

- Enhanced capital markets, research, sales and trading services across Rodman's existing client base

Geographic Footprint

- Expanded footprint within North America through offices in Houston, Calgary and superior West Coast coverage

- Leverage Cowen's infrastructure in Asia and Europe with existing Rodman relationships and pipeline

Reap the benefits of combined Finance, Mergers & Acquisitions, Research and Sales & Trading platforms

Principal investment activities are complementary with no overlap

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Benefits of Implementing Rodman's Model to Expense Management

- Change mindset by bringing in a management team with meaningful equity stake
    - § Increased alignment of interest between management and stockholders
      - Remove layers of redundant staff and management
    - Align producer compensation with productivity and performance
      - Migrate Rodman's approach to non-compensation expense
        - § IT
          - § Business development
          - § Data management
  - Improve cash management and expense control
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Summary of Proposal, Financial Assumptions and Conditions to Closing

Proposal price: • \$7.00 per share

Consideration: • 50% cash / 50% stock for all outstanding shares of Cowen common stock

Cost savings: • Annual cost savings of approximately \$36.5 million in 2009 and \$38.4 million in 2010

Income enhancements: • Contribution from revenue enhancements expected to generate \$18.0 million of pro-forma pretax income for 2009 with 12% growth thereafter

• Due diligence

Conditions to closing: • Definitive merger agreement

• Regulatory approval - - HSR and typical broker / dealer

• Stockholder approval - - Rodman and Cowen

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Pro Forma Assumptions

Transaction close: • February 28, 2009

Share price: • Based on Rodman's closing share price of \$1.18, as of Monday, December 8, 2008  
• I/B/E/S net income and EPS estimates based on 2009 consensus estimates as

EPS estimates (1) published by Thomson Reuters

• Net income and EPS projected at a long-term growth rate of 12% in 2010

(1) Applies to both Rodman and Cowen

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Financing

Net Share Settlement Convertible Note

- Principal (\$50mm) settled in cash
- Conversion spread settled in common stock
- § Treasury stock method - beneficial EPS impact
  - Coupon less than 7%
- Modest conversion premium of more than 10%
  - Limited warrant coverage
  - Term - two years or less

Other Financing Option(s)

- Following public announcement of proposal on December 8, 2008, substantial expressions of interest in strategic common equity investment into Rodman, which could provide all or part of required financing
- Proposed financing facilitates meaningfully accretive transaction, with modest debt service and healthy, liquid balance sheet post-combination
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Estimated Transaction Cost Savings

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Pro Forma Balance Sheet (1)

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