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# Press Release

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### Cowen & Company Adds Semiconductor Analyst to Equity Research Department

New York – April 5, 2006 - Cowen & Company announced today that John Barton has joined the firm as a Senior Analyst following the semiconductor sector.

Mr. Barton joins Cowen & Company from Wachovia Securities in New York where he was a Senior Analyst following the semiconductor sector. Prior to his time at Wachovia, Mr. Barton covered the semiconductor industry for Prudential Securities. Additionally, before coming to Wall Street, he spent 13 years in various design, sales, and management roles in the semiconductor industry.

Mr. Barton earned an MBA from Columbia University and holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from Rutgers College of Engineering.

He will be based in New York and report directly to Barry Tarasoff, Cowen & Company's Director of Research.

"John's experience will bolster our technology research franchise and extend our existing semiconductor research efforts," comments Mr. Tarasoff.

Cowen and Company's Equity Research division has over 30 senior analysts covering approximately 500 companies in Healthcare, Technology, Aerospace and Defense, Media and Telecommunications and Consumer.

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