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Form SC 13D/A  
August 16, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No.1)\*

TRIPATH IMAGING, INC.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (par value \$0.01 per share)

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(Title of Class of Securities)

896942109

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(CUSIP Number)

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and Communications)

August 16, 2006

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. 896942109

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Becton, Dickinson and Company  
22-0760120

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)   
(b)

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED  
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

New Jersey

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7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 2,500,000  
SHARES

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8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY 0  
OWNED BY

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9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH 2,500,000  
REPORTING

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PERSON	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH	0	
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11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
	2,500,000	
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12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)	
	6.5%	
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14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*	
	CO	
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ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER.

This Amendment No. 1 amends the statement on Schedule 13D filed on August 14, 2006 by Becton, Dickinson and Company ("BD") relating to the common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of TriPath Imaging Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). The principal executive offices of the Issuer are located at 780 Plantation Drive, Burlington, North Carolina 27215.

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

Item 6 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

On August 16, 2006, BD and the Issuer executed an exclusivity agreement (the "Exclusivity Agreement") pursuant to which BD and the Issuer have agreed to work in good faith with each other to negotiate a business combination transaction involving BD and the Issuer on an exclusive basis through 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on August 25, 2006, or such later date as BD and the Issuer may agree in writing (the "Termination Date").

The Issuer has also agreed in the Exclusivity Agreement that prior to the Termination Date, it will not, among other things, solicit any proposal for, or (subject to certain exemptions) participate in discussions relating to, an alternative transaction. A termination fee of \$5,000,000 is payable by the Issuer to BD upon violation of the Exclusivity Agreement by the Issuer or, subject to the terms of the Exclusivity Agreement, in the event that the Issuer takes certain actions permitted by the Exclusivity Agreement and subsequently enters into a definitive agreement, and thereafter consummates, an alternative transaction within a specified period of time after August 16, 2006. This description of the Exclusivity Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Exclusivity Agreement which is

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filed herewith as Exhibit 7.01 and is incorporated by reference into this Item 6.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.

Exhibit 7.01 Exclusivity Agreement

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: August 16, 2006

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

By: /s/ Dean J. Paranicas

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Name: Dean J. Paranicas  
Title: Vice President, Corporate  
Secretary and Public  
Policy

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Exclusivity Agreement

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