

BECTON HENRY P JR  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BECTON HENRY P JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BECTON DICKINSON & CO [BDX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/06/2004

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
07/06/2004

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)			
Common Stock	07/06/2004		G	V	24,000	D	\$ 0 32,000	I	See footnote <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	07/06/2004		G	V	4,800	A	\$ 0 135,305	I	See footnote <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	07/06/2004		G	V	4,800	A	\$ 0 121,800	I	See footnote <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock							108,440 <u>(4)</u>	I	See footnote <u>(5)</u>
Common Stock							32,320 <u>(4)</u>	I	By wife



## 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).

- (1) Held in charitable remainder trust of which reporting person is a remainder beneficiary.
- (2) Held in trust and/or limited liability company for benefit of reporting person.
- (3) Represents shares held in trust of which reporting person has become a co-trustee.
- (4) Beneficial ownership of these securities is expressly disclaimed.
- (5) By trusts for benefit of reporting person's children, with wife and independent advisor as co-trustees.
- (6) Includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the last report filed by the reporting person.
- (7) The securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (8) The securities are distributed following termination of the reporting person's service as a director, on the date or dates specified by the reporting person.
- (9) Includes rights acquired through dividend reinvestment since the last report filed by the reporting person.

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