

LUDWIG EDWARD J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
LUDWIG EDWARD J

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)  
11/18/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President and CEO

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

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

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)  | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 11/18/2005                           |  | G                              | V   | 2,000   | D  | \$ 0 98,384                       |
| Common Stock                    | 11/21/2005                           |  | A                              |   | 16,812<br>(1)   | A  | \$ 0 115,196                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 23,957 (2)                        |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | SIP Trust                         |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                  |                 |              |        |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 59.155  | 11/21/2005                           |  | A                              | 86,819  | 11/21/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 11/21/2015  |                  |                 | Common Stock | 86,819 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| LUDWIG EDWARD J<br>C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY<br>1 BECTON DRIVE<br>FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417 | X             |           | Chairman, President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Edward J. Ludwig  
 11/23/2005  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## 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) Represents restricted stock units awarded under the Becton, Dickinson and Company 2004 Employee and Director Equity-Based Compensation Plan.
- (2) Represents shares of common stock held under the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan (the "SIP"). The information presented for the SIP is as of October 31, 2005.
- (3) The stock appreciation right vests in four annual installments beginning November 21, 2006.

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