

FORLENZA VINCENT A
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FORM 4

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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 *
 FORLENZA VINCENT A

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)
 11/23/2004

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 President - BD Biosciences

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 or (D) Price		
Common Stock	11/23/2004		A	(1)	4,446 \$ 54.41	44,090	D
Common Stock						4,704	I SIP Trust (2)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 54.41	11/23/2004		A	22,923	11/23/2005 ⁽³⁾ 11/23/2015	Common Stock	22,9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY
1 BECTON DRIVE
FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

President - BD Biosciences

Signatures

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Vincent A. Forlenza

11/26/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents shares awarded under the Becton, Dickinson and Company 2004 Employee and Director Equity-Based Compensation Plan.

Represents an interest in shares of common stock held under the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan (the "SIP"). Mr.

(2) Forlenza also has an interest in 541 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock under the SIP, which are convertible into 3,462 shares of common stock. The information presented for the SIP is as of October 31, 2004.

(3) The option vests in four annual installments beginning November 23, 2005.

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