

LUDWIG EDWARD J  
 Form 4/A  
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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)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, President and CEO

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/01/2005

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
 03/03/2005

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |           |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |           |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |           |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2005                           |  | M                              | 20,000  | A   | \$ 24.81   | 123,549   | D         |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2005                           |  | S                              | 19,000  | D   | \$ 60  | 104,549 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | D         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 24,628 <sup>(2)</sup>                                 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 24.81   | 03/01/2005                           |  | M                              | 20,000  | 01/27/1997 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/27/2007                     | Common Stock  | 20,000                     |

## 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  
 11/14/2005  
 \*\*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) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan (the "Plan") adopted by the reporting person on February 9, 2005. Details of the Plan were furnished in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 9, 2005.
- (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 February 28, 2005.
- (3) The option became 50% exercisable on January 27, 1999 and fully exercisable on January 27, 2000.

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