

LUDWIG EDWARD J  
 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 \*  
 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)  
 11/24/2008

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				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/24/2008		M			300 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 0	170,023	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2008		A			32,729 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 0	202,752	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2008		F			15,476	D	\$ 0	187,276	D	
Common Stock	11/25/2008		A			15,616 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$ 0	202,892 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	
Common Stock									26,450 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	SIP Trust

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Rights to Common Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>	11/24/2008		M	300	<sup>(7)</sup> / <sup>(7)</sup>	Common Stock
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 62.5	11/25/2008		A	99,313	11/25/2009 <sup>(8)</sup> / 11/25/2018	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Edward J. Ludwig 11/26/2008

\*\*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 shares issuable under the November 24, 2003 grant of performance units.
- (2) Represents shares distributed upon the vesting of performance units granted on November 21, 2005.
- (3) Represents restricted stock units awarded under the Becton, Dickinson and Company 2004 Employee and Director Equity-Based Compensation Plan.

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- (4) Includes units acquired through dividend reinvestment since the last report filed by the reporting person.
- (5) 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, 2008.
- (6) The securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (7) The securities are distributable upon retirement or the date or dates specified by the reporting person.
- (8) The stock appreciation rights vest in four annual installments beginning November 25, 2009.

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