#### BECTON DICKINSON & CO

Form SC 13G/A May 11, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment 1)

BECTON DICKINSON & CO ORD USD1.0
(Name of Issuer)

COMM
(Title of Class of Securities)

075887109
(CUSIP Number)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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April 30, 2004

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CUSIP No. 075887109

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(1) Names of Reporting Persons.

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, NA., 943112180

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- (2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group\*
- (a) / /
- (b) /X/

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(3) SEC Use Only

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(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization U.S.A.

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Number of Shares

(5) Sole Voting Power

Beneficially Owned	18,341,013
by Each Reporting Person With	(6) Shared Voting Power
	(7) Sole Dispositive Power 20,739,322
	(8) Shared Dispositive Power
(9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owner 20,739,322	ed by Each Reporting Person
(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount	t in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares*
(11) Percent of Class Represented by 8.21%	Amount in Row (9)
(12) Type of Reporting Person*	
CUSIP No. 075887109	
(1) Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of	above persons (entities only).
BARCLAYS GLOBAL FUND ADVISORS	
(2) Check the appropriate box if a mental (a) // (b) /X/	mber of a Group*
(3) SEC Use Only	
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organizat U.S.A.	ion
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	(5) Sole Voting Power 1,085,952
by Each Reporting Person With	(6) Shared Voting Power -
	(7) Sole Dispositive Power 1,092,473
	(8) Shared Dispositive Power
(9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owner 1,092,473	ed by Each Reporting Person
(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amoun	t in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares*

(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount 0.43%	in Row (9)
(12) Type of Reporting Person*	
CUSIP No. 075887109	
(1) Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above	persons (entities only).
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, LTD	
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of (a) $//$ (b) $/X/$	E a Group*
(3) SEC Use Only	
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization England	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	(5) Sole Voting Power 3,168,525
by Each Reporting Person With	(6) Shared Voting Power
	(7) Sole Dispositive Power 3,182,725
	(8) Shared Dispositive Power
(9) Aggregate 3,182,725	
(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Ro	ow (9) Excludes Certain Shares*
(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount 1.26%	in Row (9)
(12) Type of Reporting Person* BK	
CUSIP No. 075887109	
(1) Names of Reporting Persons.  I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above	

BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS JAPAN TRUST AND BANKING COMPANY LIMITED (2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group\* (a) / / (b) /X/ \_\_\_\_\_\_ (3) SEC Use Only (4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Japan Number of Shares (5) Sole Voting Power Beneficially Owned 207,141 by Each Reporting \_\_\_\_\_ Person With (6) Shared Voting Power (7) Sole Dispositive Power 207,141 (8) Shared Dispositive Power \_\_\_\_\_\_ (9) Aggregate 207,141 \_\_\_\_\_\_ (10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares\* \_\_\_\_\_\_ (11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) (12) Type of Reporting Person\* BK \_\_\_\_\_ CUSIP No. 075887109 (1) Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only). BARCLAYS LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED (2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group\* (a) / / (b) /X/ \_\_\_\_\_\_ (3) SEC Use Only \_\_\_\_\_\_ (4) Citizenship or Place of Organization England \_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Shares (5) Sole Voting Power Beneficially Owned 17,700 by Each Reporting Person With (6) Shared Voting Power

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	(8)	Shared	Dispositiv	e Power
(9) Aggregate 17,700				
(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9	) E	xcludes	Certain Sh	ares*
(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in F 0.01%	 Row	(9)		
(12) Type of Reporting Person*  BK				
CUSIP No. 075887109				
(1) Names of Reporting Persons.  I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons.  BARCLAYS BANK PLC	sons	(entit	ies only).	
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a G (a) // (b) /X/	 Group	p*		
(3) SEC Use Only				
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization England				
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting	(5)		oting Power	
Person With	(6)	Shared -	Voting Pow	er
	(7)		ispositive 0,000	Power
	(8)	Shared -	Dispositiv	e Power
(9) Aggregate 150,000				
(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9	) E:	xcludes	Certain Sh	ares*
(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in F	Row	(9)		
(12) Type of Reporting Person* BK				

CUSIP No. 075887109	
(1) Names of Reporting Persons.  I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above	
BARCLAYS CAPITAL SECURITIES LIMITED	·
<pre>(2) Check the appropriate box if a member o (a) / / (b) /X/</pre>	f a Group*
(3) SEC Use Only	
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization England.	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting	(5) Sole Voting Power
Person With	(6) Shared Voting Power -
	(7) Sole Dispositive Power
	(8) Shared Dispositive Power
(9) Aggregate	
(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in R	cow (9) Excludes Certain Shares*
(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount 0.00%	in Row (9)
(12) Type of Reporting Person* BK	
CUSIP No. 075887109	
(1) Names of Reporting Persons.  I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above	persons (entities only).
BARCLAYS CAPITAL INC	
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of (a) // (b) /X/	f a Group*
(3) SEC Use Only	
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization U.S.A.	

Number of Shares (5) Sole Voting Power Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With (6) Shared Voting Power \_\_\_\_\_ (7) Sole Dispositive Power \_\_\_\_\_\_ (8) Shared Dispositive Power \_\_\_\_\_ (9) Aggregate (10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares\* (11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) (12) Type of Reporting Person\* BD CUSIP No. 075887109 \_\_\_\_\_\_ (1) Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only). BARCLAYS PRIVATE BANK & TRUST (ISLE OF MAN) LIMITED \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group\* (a) / / (b) /X/ \_\_\_\_\_\_ (3) SEC Use Only (4) Citizenship or Place of Organization England. Number of Shares (5) Sole Voting Power Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With (6) Shared Voting Power (7) Sole Dispositive Power (8) Shared Dispositive Power \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ (10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares\* (11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

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(12) Type of Reporting Person*	
CUSIP No. 075887109	
(1) Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of abo	ve persons (entities only).
BARCLAYS PRIVATE BANK AND TRUST (	JERSEY) LIMITED
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member (a) $//$ (b) $/X/$	of a Group*
(3) SEC Use Only	
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization England	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	(5) Sole Voting Power
by Each Reporting Person With	(6) Shared Voting Power
	(7) Sole Dispositive Power
	(8) Shared Dispositive Power
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(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in	Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares*
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(12) Type of Reporting Person*  BK	
CUSIP No. 075887109	
(1) Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of abo	ve persons (entities only).
BARCLAYS BANK TRUST COMPANY LIMIT	ED
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member (a) // (b) /X/	of a Group*
(3) SEC Use Only	

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(12) Type of Reporting Person*	
CUSIP No. 075887109	
(1) Names of Reporting Persons.  I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above per	rsons (entities only).
BARCLAYS PRIVATE BANK LIMITED	
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a (a) $\ /\ /$ (b) $\ /X/$	Group*
(3) SEC Use Only	
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization England	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	(5) Sole Voting Power
by Each Reporting Person With	(6) Shared Voting Power
	(7) Sole Dispositive Power
	(8) Shared Dispositive Power
(9) Aggregate	
(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row	(9) Excludes Certain Shares*
(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in 0.00%	
(12) Type of Reporting Person* BK	
ITEM 1(A). NAME OF ISSUER  BECTON DICKINSON & CO ORD USD1	.0
ITEM 1(B). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL I ONE BECTON DR FRANKLIN LAKE NJ 07417	
ITEM 2(A). NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTOR	ORS, NA

ITEM 2(B).	ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE 45 Fremont Street San Francisco, CA 94105
ITEM 2(C).	CITIZENSHIP U.S.A
ITEM 2(D).	TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES  COMM
ITEM 2(E).	CUSIP NUMBER 075887109
	IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A
(15 U.S. (b) /X/ Bank as (c) // Insurance (15 U.S. (d) // Investment (company (e) // Investment (f) // Employee 240.13d- (g) // Parent F 240.13d- (h) // A saving Insurance (i) // A church company (15U.S.	or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act .C. 78o).  defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).  de Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act .C. 78c).  ent Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).  ent Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E).  de Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section -1(b)(1)(ii)(F).  Holding Company or control person in accordance with section -1(b)(1)(ii)(G).  gs association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Depositive Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).  In plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 C. 80a-3).  in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)
	OICKINSON & CO ORD USD1.0
ITEM 2(A).	FRANKLIN LAKE NJ 07417  NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING  BARCLAYS GLOBAL FUND ADVISORS
ITEM 2(B).	ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE 45 Fremont Street San Francisco, CA 94105
ITEM 2(C).	CITIZENSHIP U.S.A
ITEM 2(D).	TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES  COMM
ITEM 2(E).	
	IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A

- (a) // Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o). (b) // Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (d) // Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8). (e) /X/ Investment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E). (f) // Employee Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F). (g) // Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G). (h)  $//\,$  A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813). (i) // A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15U.S.C. 80a-3). (j) // Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J) ITEM 1(A). NAME OF ISSUER BECTON DICKINSON & CO ORD USD1.0 ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES TTEM 1(B). ONE BECTON DR FRANKLIN LAKE NJ 07417 \_\_\_\_\_\_ ITEM 2(A). NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, LTD \_\_\_\_\_\_ ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE Murray House 1 Royal Mint Court LONDON, EC3N 4HH ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP England \_\_\_\_\_ ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES COMM ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER 075887109 ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR 13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A
- (a) // Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) /X/ Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) // Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e) // Investment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f) // Employee Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g) // Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
- (h) // A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
- (i) // A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

	S.C. 80a-3). in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)
ITEM 1(A).	NAME OF ISSUER BECTON DICKINSON & CO ORD USD1.0
ITEM 1(B).	ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES ONE BECTON DR FRANKLIN LAKE NJ 07417
	NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING AYS GLOBAL INVESTORS JAPAN TRUST AND BANKING COMPANY LIMITED
ITEM 2(B).	ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE Ebisu Prime Square Tower 8th Floor 1-1-39 Hiroo Shibuya-Ku Tokyo 150-0012 Japan
ITEM 2(C).	CITIZENSHIP Japan
ITEM 2(D).	TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES  COMM
ITEM 2(E).	CUSIP NUMBER 075887109
ITEM 3. 13D-2(B), CHEC	IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR CK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A
	or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act .S.C. 780).
(c) // Insura	as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).  Ance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act  S.C. 78c).
(d) // Invest	tment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment by Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
_	ment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E).
	yee Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section
(g) // Parent	3d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F). Holding Company or control person in accordance with section 3d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
	ings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit
	ance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813). The control of an investment
compai	my under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 S.C. 80a-3).
	in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)
ITEM 1(A).	NAME OF ISSUER BECTON DICKINSON & CO ORD USD1.0
	ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES ONE BECTON DR FRANKLIN LAKE NJ 07417
ITEM 2(A).	NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING BARCLAYS LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
	ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE Unicorn House 5th floor 252 Romford Road, Forest Gate

London 37 9JB England

	London 3/ 9JB England
ITEM 2(C).	CITIZENSHIP England
ITEM 2(D).	TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES  COMM
ITEM 2(E).	CUSIP NUMBER 075887109
ITEM 3. 13D-2(B), CHECK	IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A
(15 U.S. (b) /X/ Bank as (c) // Insurar (15 U.S. (d) // Investm Company (e) // Investm (f) // Employe 240.13c (g) // Parent 240.13c (h) // A savir Insurar (i) // A churc company (15U.S.	or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (3.C. 780). So defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). The Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act (3.C. 78c). The Company registered under section 8 of the Investment (7 Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8). The Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E). The Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section (3-1(b)(1)(ii)(F). The Holding Company or control person in accordance with section (3-1(b)(1)(ii)(G). The Act (12 U.S.C. 1813). The plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment (12 U.S.C. 1813). The plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment (13 U.S.C. 80a-3). The Investment Company Act of 1940 (10. 80a-3).  The Act (15 U.S.C. 1813) (14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (10. 80a-3).  The Act (15 U.S.C. 1813) (14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (10. 80a-3).  The Accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)
ITEM 1(B).	BECTON DICKINSON & CO ORD USD1.0  ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES ONE BECTON DR
ITEM 2(A).	FRANKLIN LAKE NJ 07417  NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING  BARCLAYS BANK PLC
ITEM 2(B).	ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE 54 Lombard Street London, England EC3P 3AH
ITEM 2(C).	CITIZENSHIP England
	TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES COMM
ITEM 2(E).	075887109
ITEM 3. 13D-2(B), CHECK	IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A
	or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act S.C. 780).

(b) /X/ Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).

- (c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
  (d) // Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
  (e) // Investment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E).
  (f) // Employee Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section
- (g) // Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with section 240.13d-1 (b) (1) (ii) (G).
- (h) // A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
- (i) // A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15U.S.C. 80a-3).
- (j) // Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)
- ITEM 1(A). NAME OF ISSUER
  BECTON DICKINSON & CO ORD USD1.0

240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).

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ITEM 1(B). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES ONE BECTON DR FRANKLIN LAKE NJ 07417

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ITEM 2(A). NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING
BARCLAYS CAPITAL SECURITIES LIMITED

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ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE 5 The North Colonmade

Canary Wharf, London, England E14 4BB

ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP England

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ITEM 2 (D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES  $$\operatorname{\textsc{COMM}}$$ 

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ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER 075887109

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ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR 13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A

- (a) // Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) /X/ Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) // Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e) // Investment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f) // Employee Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g) // Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
- (h) // A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
- (i) // A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15U.S.C. 80a-3).
- (j) // Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)

ITEM 1(A). NAME OF ISSUER

	BECTON DICKINSON & CO ORD USD1.0
ITEM 1(B).	ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES ONE BECTON DR FRANKLIN LAKE NJ 07417
ITEM 2(A).	NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING BARCLAYS CAPITAL INC
ITEM 2(B).	ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE 200 Park Ave NY, NY 10166
ITEM 2(C).	CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.
ITEM 2(D).	TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES COMM
ITEM 2(E).	CUSIP NUMBER 075887109
	IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A
(15 U.S. (b) // Bank as (c) // Insuran	or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (3.C. 780).  defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).  dec Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act (3.C. 78c).  ment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment (7 Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).  ment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E).  dec Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section (1-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).  Holding Company or control person in accordance with section (1-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).  dec association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit (12 U.S.C. 1813).  The plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment (12 U.S.C. 1813).  In accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)  NAME OF ISSUER  BECTON DICKINSON & CO ORD USD1.0
	ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES ONE BECTON DR FRANKLIN LAKE NJ 07417
	NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING BARCLAYS PRIVATE BANK & TRUST (ISLE OF MAN) LIMITED
	ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE 4th Floor, Queen Victoria House Isle of Man, IM99 IDF
ITEM 2(C).	
ITEM 2(D).	TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES

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ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER 075887109
ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR 13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A
(a) // Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780).
<ul><li>(b) /X/ Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).</li><li>(c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).</li></ul>
(d) // Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
<ul> <li>(e) // Investment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E).</li> <li>(f) // Employee Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).</li> </ul>
(g) // Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
(h) // A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposi Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
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ITEM 2(A). NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING BARCLAYS PRIVATE BANK AND TRUST (JERSEY) LIMITED
ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE 39/41 Broad Street, St. Helier Jersey, Channel Islands JE4 8PU
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ITEM 2(B). 10 rue d'Italie CH-1204 Geneva Switzerland	ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE
ITEM 2(C).	CITIZENSHIP Switzerland
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London, WIX 9DA	England
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#### ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 25,389,361

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(b) Percent of Class:

10.05%

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- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote 22,970,331

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(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote

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(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 25,389,361

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(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of  $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right$ 

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ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following. //

- ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

  The shares reported are held by the company in trust accounts for the
  economic benefit of the beneficiaries of those accounts. See also

  Items 2(a) above.
- ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY Not applicable
- ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP Not applicable
- ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

  Not applicable

#### ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

(a) The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to section 240.13d-1(b):

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

(b) The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to section 240.13d-1(c):

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

#### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

 May 10, 2004
Date
 Signature
 Nancy Yeung Manager of Global Accounting
 Name/Title