LUDWIG EDWARD J

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Last)

(City)

(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

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[BDX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title below)

(Month/Day/Year)

11/12/2004

Other (specify Chairman, President and CEO

C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE

(Street)

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I Non Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of an Paneficially On

Issuer

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ransaction Date 2A. Deemed onth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	11/12/2004		G	1,000	D D	\$ 0	104,143	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2004		G	2,000	D	\$0	102,143	D	
Common Stock							19,324	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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Rights to Common Stock Under Deferred Compensation Plan	<u>(2)</u>	11/29/2004		A	72.71	(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	72.71

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

11/30/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Represents shares of common stock held under the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan (the "SIP"). Mr. Ludwig also (1) has an interest in 583 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock under the SIP, which are convertible into 3,731 shares of common stock. The information presented for the SIP is as of October 31, 2004.
- (2) The securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) The securities are generally distributed upon termination, or following retirement on the date or dates specified by the reporting person. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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