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subject t Section Form 4	STATEN 16. or		Estimated burden ho response	urs per							
Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940											
(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and LUDWIG	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BECTON DICKINSON & CO				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer						
		[BDX]				(Check all applicable)					
(Last)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify						
C/O BECT COMPAN	12/13/2004				below) below) Chairman, President and CEO						
	(Street)		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				
FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person											
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-l	Derivati	ive Securities	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Dispos (Instr.	(A) or ed of (D) 3, 4 and 5) (A) or	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)		
Reminder: Re	port on a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities bene	Per info req	sons who re ormation cor uired to resp	espond to the collentained in this form pond unless the fo	n are not rm	SEC 1474 (9-02)		
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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	ionof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(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>(1)</u>	12/13/2004		A		70.15		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	70.15

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	Х		Chairman, President and CEO					
Signatures								
Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Ed Ludwig	ward J.		12/15/2004					
<u>**</u> 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 securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

(2) The securities are generally distributed upon termination, or following retirement on the date or dates specified by the reporting person.

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