LUDWIG EDWARD J

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LUDWIG EDWARD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

BECTON DICKINSON & CO [BDX]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND

02/03/2005

Chairman, President and CEO

COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or		(D)	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)	
Common Stock	02/03/2005		Code V M	Amount 23,186	(D)	Price \$ 24.8125	123,329	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2005		M	3,406	A	\$ 29.3438	126,735	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2005		S	23,186	D	\$ 59.4	103,549	D	
Common Stock							23,131 (1)	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 orDerivative 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 Underlying Securition (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.8125	02/03/2005		M	23,186	01/27/1997(2)	01/27/2007	Common Stock	23,1
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.3438	02/03/2005		M	3,406	01/26/1998(3)	01/26/2008	Common Stock	3,40

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			
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Signatures

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Edward J. 02/04/2005 Ludwig

> **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).

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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 January 31, 2005.

- (2) The option became 50% exercisable on January 27, 1999 and fully exercisable on January 27, 2000.
- (3) The option became 50% exercisable on January 26, 2000 and fully exercisable on January 26, 2001.

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