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July 25, 2006

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO
SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) July 25, 2006

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New Jersey

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-4802

22-0760120

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey

07417-1880

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(201) 847-6800

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS .

Dr. Adel A.F. Mahmoud was elected to the Board of Directors of Becton, Dickinson and Company ("BD"), effective July 25, 2006. Dr. Mahmoud has been appointed to the Corporate Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee of the Board. A copy of the press release issued by BD in connection with Dr. Mahmoud's election is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Dr. Mahmoud is Chief Medical Advisor, Vaccines and Infectious Diseases of Merck & Co., Inc. ("Merck") in Whitehouse Station, New Jersey. Dr. Mahmoud is scheduled to retire from Merck, effective September 1, 2006. During BD's 2005 fiscal year, sales of BD to Merck were approximately \$32 million.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On July 25, 2006, BD issued a press release announcing the declaration of a quarterly dividend. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated July 25, 2006, which is filed pursuant to Item 5.02.

99.2 Press release dated July 25, 2006, which is filed pursuant to Item 8.01.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Dean J. Paranicas
Dean J. Paranicas
Vice President, Corporate
Secretary and Public Policy

Date: July 25, 2006

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibits</u>
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99.2	Press release dated July 25, 2006, which is filed pursuant to Item 8.01.
