

BECTON DICKINSON & CO
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BECTON HENRY P JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BECTON DICKINSON & CO [BDX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/11/2008

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

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

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/12/2008		G	168 A \$ 0	36,988	I	By wife ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	12/11/2008		S	3,070 D \$ 64.92 ₍₂₎	196,748	I	See footnote ₍₃₎
Common Stock					199,597	I	See footnote ₍₄₎
Common Stock					109,683	I	See footnote

Common Stock	26,598	I	(5) See footnote (6)
Common Stock	32,000	I	See footnote (7)
Common Stock	14,050	I	See footnote (8)
Common Stock	12,877	D	

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 Derivative 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BECTON HENRY P JR C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY 1 BECTON DRIVE FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417		X		

Signatures

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Henry P.
Becton, Jr.

12/16/2008

__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) Beneficial ownership of these securities is expressly disclaimed.
- (2) The reported sale price reflects an average price for three separate transactions. The actual sales prices for the transactions ranged from \$64.92 through \$64.935.
- (3) Represents shares held in trust for sibling of which reporting person is a co-trustee.
- (4) Held in trust and/or limited liability company for benefit of reporting person.
- (5) By trusts for benefit of reporting person's children, with wife and independent advisor as co-trustees.
- (6) Represents shares held in trust for parent of which reporting person has become a co-trustee.
- (7) Held in charitable remainder trust of which reporting person is a remainder beneficiary.
- (8) By trust for benefit of reporting person and his siblings, of which he is a co-trustee.

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