
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

APRIL 8, 1998 (APRIL 3, 1998)
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

NEW JERSEY (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	1-4802 (Commission File Number)	22-0760120 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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1 BECTON DRIVE FRANKLIN LAKES, NEW JERSEY (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	07417-1880 (Zip Code)
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(201) 847-6800
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On April 3, 1998, Becton, Dickinson and Company (the "Company") announced in a press release that it had consummated the acquisition of the Medical Devices Division of Ohmeda, the health care business of The BOC Group, Inc. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference, is a copy of such press release. The purchase price was approximately \$452 million dollars in cash, subject to adjustment.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99 Becton, Dickinson and Company Press Release issued on
April 3, 1998.

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

By: /s/ Bridget M. Healy
Name: Bridget M. Healy
Title: Vice President, Secretary, and
Associate General Counsel

Date: April 8, 1998

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EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
99	Becton, Dickinson and Company Press Release issued on April 3, 1998.

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Release Date: April 3, 1998

BECTON DICKINSON COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF
MEDICAL DEVICES DIVISION OF THE BOC GROUP

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ - (APRIL 3, 1998) --Becton Dickinson and Company (NYSE:BDX.N) announced today that it has completed its acquisition of Ohmeda's Medical Devices Division from The BOC Group. The purchase price for the transaction was \$452 million dollars. The acquisition will be part of Becton Dickinson's worldwide infusion therapy business.

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