

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) November 27, 2001  
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BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey

001-4802

22-0760120  
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(State or other juris-  
diction of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer Iden-  
tification Number)

1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey  
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07417-1880  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(201) 847-6800  
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N/A  
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(Former name or former addresses if changed since last report.)

Item 5. OTHER EVENTS

On November 27, 2001 the Registrant announced in a press release the election of Edward J. Ludwig to the additional role of Chairman of the Board effective February 13, 2002.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated November 27, 2001.

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/ Kathleen M. Gibson

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Kathleen M. Gibson  
Assistant Secretary

Date: November 27, 2001

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<S> 99	<C> Press release dated November 27,2001.

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EDWARD J. LUDWIG TO BECOME BD CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2002

Franklin Lakes, NJ- (November 27, 2001)--The Board of Directors of BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) (NYSE: BDX) announced today that it has elected Edward J. Ludwig Chairman of the Board, effective immediately following the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on February 13, 2002. Mr. Ludwig will succeed Clateo Castellini, who will continue as a member of the Board.

In addition to serving as Chairman, Mr. Ludwig, 50, also will continue as BD's President and Chief Executive Officer. He has been President since June 1999 and Chief Executive Officer since January 2000. Mr. Ludwig joined the Company in 1979, and has held a variety of business and corporate positions of increasing responsibility over his 22-year tenure with BD. Mr. Ludwig is a graduate of Holy Cross College and Columbia University Business School.

"We are all very pleased to see Ed Ludwig assume expanded leadership responsibilities as Chairman of BD," said Mr. Castellini. "Ed possesses the vision, experience and values that are essential in this primary role. The decision to elect Ed Chairman reflects both the Board's and my confidence that Ed and his management team will continue to develop and implement effective strategies that transform BD into one of the highest-performing companies and enable it to continue making significant contributions to all peoples' lives. The Board and I are confident that Ed will fulfill his responsibilities as Chairman thoughtfully and effectively on behalf of all BD constituencies."

BD is a leading global medical technology company that manufactures and sells a broad range of supplies, devices and systems for use by healthcare professionals, medical research institutions, industry and the general public.

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