

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

Kathleen M. Gibson
Assistant Secretary

Date: February 14, 2002

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EDWARD J. LUDWIG BECOMES BD CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Franklin Lakes, NJ (February 14, 2002) - BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) (NYSE: BDX) announced that Edward J. Ludwig was named Chairman of the Board, effective immediately following the BD Annual Meeting of Shareholders that was held yesterday. Mr. Ludwig succeeds Clateo Castellini, who will continue to serve as a member of the Board.

As previously announced, in addition to serving as Chairman, Mr. Ludwig, 50, continues 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.

BD is a medical technology company that serves healthcare institutions, life science researchers, clinical laboratories and the general public. BD manufactures and sells a broad range of medical supplies, devices, laboratory equipment and diagnostic products. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2001, BD reported total revenues of \$3.8 billion.