

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) August 12, 2002  
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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-                                      (Commission                                      (IRS Employer Iden-  
diction of incorporation)                                      File Number)                                      tification Number)

1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey                                      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 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer dated August  
12, 2002

Exhibit 99.2 Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer dated August  
12, 2002

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 12, 2002, each of the Principal Executive Officer and the Principal  
Financial Officer of Becton, Dickinson and Company submitted to the Securities  
and Exchange Commission sworn statements in accordance with Securities and  
Exchange Commission Order No. 4-460.

Copies of these statements are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2,  
respectively.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits, is  
furnished pursuant to Item 9 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the  
purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise  
subject to the liability of that section.

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/ Gary M. DeFazio

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Gary M. DeFazio  
Assistant Secretary

Date: August 12, 2002

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[LETTERHEAD OF BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY]

Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20549

STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND  
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES  
RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, Edward J. Ludwig, the Chief Executive Officer of Becton, Dickinson  
and Company, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Becton, Dickinson and Company, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - o no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
  - o no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
  - o Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2001 of Becton, Dickinson and Company;
  - o all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Becton, Dickinson and Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
  - o any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Signed by: /s/ Edward J. Ludwig  
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Edward J. Ludwig  
Chief Executive Officer  
August 12, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
12th day of August, 2002.  
/s/ Susan C. Sabiel  
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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: August 11, 2007  
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I, John R. Considine, the Chief Financial Officer of Becton, Dickinson and Company, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Becton, Dickinson and Company, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - o no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
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  - o any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Signed by: /s/ John R. Considine

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John R. Considine  
Chief Financial Officer  
August 12, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
12th day of August, 2002.

/s/ Susan C. Sabiel

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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: August 11, 2007  
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