

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) December 20, 2002  
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BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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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		07417-1880
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(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
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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 Certification of Edward J. Ludwig, Chief Executive Officer,  
pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Exhibit 99.2 Certification of John R. Considine, Chief Financial Officer,  
pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

The following statement is being furnished under the provisions of  
Regulation FD:

On December 20, 2002, Becton, Dickinson and Company ("BD") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission the certifications of its Chief Executive Officer, Edward J. Ludwig, and its Chief Financial Officer, John R. Considine, relating to BD's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2002, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Copies of these certifications 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 DeFazio  
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Gary DeFazio  
Assistant Secretary

Date: December 20, 2002

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December 20, 2002

Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The certification set forth below is being submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission solely for the purpose of complying with Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code. This certification is not to be deemed to be filed pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and does not constitute a part of the Annual Report on Form 10-K (the "Report") accompanying this letter.

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

1. such Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Becton, Dickinson and Company.

/s/ Edward J. Ludwig

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Name: Edward J. Ludwig  
Chief Executive Officer

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I, John R. Considine, the Chief Financial Officer of Becton, Dickinson and Company, certify that:

1. such Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Becton, Dickinson and Company.

/s/ John R. Considine

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Name: John R. Considine  
Chief Financial Officer