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UNITED STATES
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 4, 2004

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New Jersey

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-4802

22-0760120

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey

07417-1880

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(201) 847-6800

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Becton, Dickinson and Company ("BD") is providing the additional financial information attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 as a supplement to the press release that BD issued earlier today.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Consolidated income statements for the first three quarters of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2003

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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/ Dean J. Paranicas

Dean J. Paranicas
Vice President, Corporate
Secretary and Public Policy

Date: November 4, 2004

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number -----	Description of Exhibits -----
99.1	Consolidated income statements for the first three quarters of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2003

STATEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

The trademark symbol shall be expressed as.....'TM'

BECTON DICKINSON AND COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
(Unaudited; Amounts in thousands, except per-share data)

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	Three Months Ended December 31, 2002 (restated)

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REVENUES	\$ 1,035,901
Cost of products sold	543,237
Selling and administrative	277,162
Research and development	57,109

TOTAL OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES	877,508

OPERATING INCOME	158,393
Interest expense, net	(8,629)
Other (expense) income, net	302

INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	150,066
Income tax provision	35,747

INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	114,319
LOSS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS NET OF INCOME TAXES OF \$351	(681)

NET INCOME	113,638

EARNINGS PER SHARE	
Basic:	
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.45
Loss from discontinued operations	\$ --
Net income	\$ 0.44

Diluted:	
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.43
Loss from discontinued operations	\$ --
Net income	\$ 0.43

AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING	
Basic	255,286
Diluted	263,081

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Three Months Ended March 31,
2003 (restated)

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REVENUES	\$ 1,116,715
Cost of products sold	567,418
Selling and administrative	292,768
Research and development	57,345
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES	917,531
OPERATING INCOME	199,184
Interest expense, net	(8,650)
Other (expense) income, net	(1,898)
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	188,636
Income tax provision	45,065
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	143,571
LOSS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS NET OF INCOME TAXES OF \$824	(1,531)
NET INCOME	142,040
EARNINGS PER SHARE	
Basic:	
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.56
Loss from discontinued operations	\$ (0.01)
Net income	\$ 0.56
Diluted:	
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.54
Loss from discontinued operations	\$ (0.01)
Net income	\$ 0.54
AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING	
Basic	254,694
Diluted	263,369

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
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Three Months Ended June 30,
2003 (restated)

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REVENUES	\$ 1,149,516

Cost of products sold	608,377
Selling and administrative	301,888
Research and development	57,323

TOTAL OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES	967,588

OPERATING INCOME	181,928
Interest expense, net	(9,656)
Other (expense) income, net	(2,077)

INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	170,195
Income tax provision	35,416

INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	134,779
LOSS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS NET OF INCOME TAXES OF \$2,663	(4,761)

NET INCOME	130,018

EARNINGS PER SHARE	
Basic:	
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.53
Loss from discontinued operations	\$ (0.02)
Net income	\$ 0.51

Diluted:	
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.51
Loss from discontinued operations	\$ (0.02)
Net income	\$ 0.49

AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING	
Basic	255,038
Diluted	265,088

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