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 28, 2011

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.) 07417-1880 1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey (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) Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K Filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see

General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230425) 0
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

Becton, Dickinson and Company ("BD") has elected Suketu Upadhyay, 42, as Senior Vice President and Controller, effective November 28, 2011. Mr. Upadhyay will serve as BD's principal accounting officer, succeeding William A. Tozzi, who has assumed another position within BD. Mr. Upadhyay has served as BD's Vice President of Finance — International since August 2010. Prior to joining BD in 2010, Mr. Upadhyay was employed with AstraZeneca, serving as the Global Head of R&D Finance, and also served in various leadership roles in commercial finance. Prior to that, Mr. Upadhyay was Head of Finance for Centocor, Inc., a former subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson.

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

Gary DeFazio
Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: November 29, 2011