

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 27, 2000

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey 001-4802 22-0760120

(State or other juris- (Commission (IRS Employer Iden-
diction of incorporation) File Number) tification Number)

1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417-1880

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (201) 847-6800

N/A

(Former name or former addresses if changed since last report.)

Item 5. OTHER EVENTS

Press release dated November 27, 2000.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99, which is incorporated
herein by reference, is copy of the press release.

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/ Michelle L. Defazio

Michelle L. Defazio
Assistant Secretary

Date: November 28, 2000

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Press release dated November 27,2000.

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BD Announces Election of James Orr to Board of Directors

Franklin Lakes, NJ (November 28, 2000) -- BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) (NYSE: BDX) today announced the election of James F. Orr to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Orr, 54, is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Convergys Corporation (NYSE:CVG), the world's largest provider of outsourced billing and customer management services.

Mr. Orr was elected chairman of Convergys in April 2000, and has been president and chief executive officer since 1998. Prior to that, he served as chief operating officer and as a director of Cincinnati Bell Inc. At Cincinnati Bell, he was chairman and president of Cincinnati Bell Information Systems and MATRIX Marketing, the businesses that today make up Convergys. Mr. Orr joined Cincinnati Bell Inc. in 1988, after more than 20 years of domestic and international experience in sales and marketing with Proctor & Gamble.

"BD is pleased to welcome Mr. Orr as a director. He is a recognized leader in his industry, who has built an international business by focusing on the changing needs of today's customers. We look forward to the contributions he will make at BD," said Clateo Castellini, chairman of the Board of Directors of BD.

BD is a medical technology company that manufactures and sells a broad range of supplies, devices and systems for use by healthcare professionals, medical research institutions, industry and the general public. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2000, BD reported total revenues of \$3.6 million.