

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 1, 2001

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey

001-4802

22-0760120

(State or other juris-
diction of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer Iden-
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 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

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

On October 25, 2001, in the matter of Becton, Dickinson and Company, et al. v. Usrey (Case No. 2-00-052-CV, Court of Appeals, Second District of Texas), ----- the Court denied plaintiffs' motion that it reconsider its earlier ruling of August 16, 2001, which reversed the trial court's certification of a class in this case. One judge wrote a separate opinion stating that, in her view, the lawsuit should have been dismissed altogether.

Becton, Dickinson and Company believes that the Court of Appeals was correct in standing by its ruling that class action certification was not appropriate in this case. The Company will continue to defend this and other pending matters vigorously.

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/ Kathleen M. Gibson

Kathleen M. Gibson
Assistant Secretary

Date: November 1, 2001

