

BECTON DICKINSON AND COMPANY
 SECOND QUARTER MEETING

New York, NY
 April 28, 1999

BECTON DICKINSON AND COMPANY
 REVENUES - SECOND QUARTER
 (In Millions)

	FY1999	FY1998	% INC/ (DEC)	
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BUSINESS SEGMENT			AS	FX
-----			REPORTED	NEUTRAL
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MEDICAL SUPPLIES & DEVICES	\$ 484	\$ 384	26.1	24.5
DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEMS	390	355	10.0	8.4
TOTAL	\$ 874	\$ 738	18.4	16.8
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GEOGRAPHIC AREA				

UNITED STATES				

MEDICAL SUPPLIES & DEVICES	\$ 226	\$ 199	13.6	
DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEMS	212	203	4.4	
TOTAL UNITED STATES	438	402	8.9	
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INTERNATIONAL				

MEDICAL SUPPLIES & DEVICES	257	184	39.6	36.3
DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEMS	179	152	17.5	13.8
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL	436	336	29.6	26.1
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TOTAL	\$ 874	\$ 738	18.4	16.8
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BECTON DICKINSON AND COMPANY
 REVENUES - SIX MONTHS
 (In Millions)

BUSINESS SEGMENT -----	FY1999	FY1998	%INC/(DEC)	
			AS REPORTED	FX NEUTRAL
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MEDICAL SUPPLIES & DEVICES	\$ 909	\$ 756	20.2	19.8
DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEMS	734	684	7.3	6.6
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TOTAL	\$1,643	\$1,440	14.1	13.6
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GEOGRAPHIC AREA				

UNITED STATES				

MEDICAL SUPPLIES & DEVICES	\$ 419	\$ 400	4.7	
DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEMS	398	391	2.0	
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TOTAL UNITED STATES	817	791	3.4	
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INTERNATIONAL				

MEDICAL SUPPLIES & DEVICES	490	356	37.6	36.8
DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEMS	336	293	14.5	12.8
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TOTAL INTERNATIONAL	826	649	27.1	26.0
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TOTAL	\$1,643	\$1,440	14.1	13.6
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BECTON DICKINSON AND COMPANY

INCOME STATEMENTS - SECOND QUARTER

(In Millions, Except Per Share Amounts)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31,				
	1999		1998		% INC/(DEC)
	AMT	% OF REV	AMT	% OF REV	
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REVENUES	\$ 874	100.0	\$ 738	100.0	18.4
COST OF PRODUCTS SOLD	429	49.1	364	49.3	17.9
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GROSS PROFIT	445	50.9	374	50.7	18.8
SELLING & ADMINISTRATIVE	233	26.7	186	25.2	25.3
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	67	7.7	44	5.9	53.6
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OPERATING INCOME	144	16.5	145	19.6	(.1)
INTEREST EXPENSE, NET	(19)	(2.1)	(11)	(1.5)	64.2
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE), NET	1	.2	(3)	(.4)	NM
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INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	127	14.5	130	17.6	(2.2)

INCOME TAX PROVISION/RATE	37	29.1	38	29.0	(1.8)
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NET INCOME	\$ 90	10.3	\$ 92	12.5	(2.4)
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EARNINGS PER SHARE					

BASIC	\$.36		\$.37		(2.7)
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DILUTED	\$.34		\$.35		(2.9)
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INCOME STATEMENTS - SIX MONTHS
(In Millions, Except Per Share Amounts)

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	SIX MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31,				
	1999		1998		
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	AMT	% OF REV	AMT	% OF REV	% INC/(DEC)
REVENUES	\$ 1,643	100.0	\$ 1,440	100.0	14.1
COST OF PRODUCTS SOLD	815	49.6	719	49.9	13.4
GROSS PROFIT	828	50.4	721	50.1	14.8
SELLING & ADMINISTRATIVE	456	27.8	385	26.7	18.4
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	117	7.1	88	6.1	31.8
OPERATING INCOME	255	15.5	248	17.2	3.1
INTEREST EXPENSE, NET	(37)	(2.2)	(22)	(1.5)	69.0
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE), NET	2	.2	(5)	(.4)	NM
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	221	13.5	221	15.3	.2
INCOME TAX PROVISION/RATE	55	24.8	64	29.0	(14.3)
NET INCOME	\$ 166	10.1	\$ 157	10.9	6.1
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EARNINGS PER SHARE					

BASIC	\$.66		\$.63		4.8
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DILUTED	\$.63		\$.60		5.0
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BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS (In Millions)

	MARCH 31, 1999	SEPTEMBER 30, 1998
CASH & EQUIVALENTS	\$ 74	\$ 83
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	8	7
TRADE RECEIVABLES, NET	754	727
INVENTORIES	600	537
PREPAID EXPENSES & OTHER	198	189
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,634	1,543
PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT, NET	1,327	1,303
OTHER	1,172	1,001
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,132	\$ 3,846

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BALANCE SHEETS

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (In Millions)

	MARCH 31, 1999	SEPTEMBER 30, 1998
SHORT-TERM DEBT	\$ 658	\$ 385
PAYABLES & ACCRUED EXPENSES	641	707
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,299	1,092
LONG-TERM DEBT	761	765
LONG-TERM EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS	335	327
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES & OTHER	52	49
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	1,684	1,614
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 4,132	\$ 3,846

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In Millions)

SIX MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31,	
1999	1998

OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
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NET INCOME	\$ 166	\$ 157
DEPRECIATION & AMORTIZATION	128	109
PURCHASED IN-PROCESS R&D	17	-
WORKING CAPITAL & OTHER ITEMS	(193)	(26)
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	119	239
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INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	(133)	(90)
ACQUISITIONS OF BUSINESSES	(153)	(65)
CHANGE IN OTHER INVESTMENTS & OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS	(78)	(35)
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	(364)	(190)
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FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
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NET CHANGE IN DEBT OUTSTANDING	263	4
ISSUANCE OF COMMON STOCK	15	29
REPURCHASE OF COMMON STOCK	-	(44)
DIVIDENDS PAID	(43)	(37)
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	235	(49)
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NET DECREASE IN CASH & EQUIVALENTS	\$ (9)	\$ -
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