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Report of Independent Auditors

Savings Incentive Plan Committee
Becton, Dickinson and Company

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan as of June 30, 1999 and 1998, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended June 30, 1999. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at June 30, 1999 and 1998, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended June 30, 1999, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets held for investment purposes as of June 30, 1999, and schedule of reportable transactions for the year then ended, are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. These supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

New York, New York
December 6, 1999

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Becton, Dickinson and Company
Savings Incentive Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

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	June 30	
	1999	1998

<S>	<C>	<C>
Assets		
Investments at fair value:		
Becton, Dickinson and Company Common Stock (6,163,762 shares and 6,062,104 shares, respectively)	\$184,912,860	\$235,285,468
Becton, Dickinson and Company Series B ESOP Convertible Preferred Stock (809,348 shares and 837,613 shares, respectively) (Note 6)	155,394,852	208,063,120
State Street Bank and Trust Company S&P 500 Flagship Fund Series A (573,224 units and 574,418 units, respectively)	132,092,543	107,738,476
State Street Bank and Trust Company MidCap Index Fund Series A (2,246,102 units and 2,214,514 units, respectively)	29,877,644	25,187,883
Barclays Global Investors Commingled Fund (1,232,859		

units and 1,179,187 units, respectively)	31,244,446	25,701,548
Investment contracts at contract value	158,663,620	152,745,229
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Total investments	692,185,965	754,721,724
Receivables:		
Interest	58,136	799,869
Dividends	63	803,290
Participants' contributions		16,427
Employer contributions	8,863,102	4,462,935
Other receivable	1,711,628	472,645
Loans receivable from participants	18,293,968	16,425,438
Cash and cash equivalents	9,350,413	6,448,051
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Total assets	730,463,275	784,150,379
Liabilities		
Accrued interest payable	1,575,411	1,784,351
Debt obligations (Notes 6 and 7)	33,342,022	37,764,028
Investment management fees payable	202,406	203,652
Other	447,916	114,161
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Total liabilities	35,567,755	39,866,192
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Net assets available for benefits	\$694,895,520	\$744,284,187
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See accompanying notes.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

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Year ended June 30, 1999

<S>	<C>
Additions:	
Participants' contributions	\$ 37,266,940
Rollover contributions	3,624,086
Company contributions	8,863,102
Interest income	11,828,077
Dividends	5,056,996
Other	279,833

	66,919,034
Deductions:	
Distributions to participants	46,741,065
Interest expense	3,150,821
Administrative expenses and other	401,598

	50,293,484
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(66,014,217)

Net decrease	(49,388,667)
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	744,284,187

Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$694,895,520
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See accompanying notes.

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Becton, Dickinson and Company
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Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 1999

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Accounting records of the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan (the "Plan") are maintained on the accrual basis whereby all income, costs and expenses are recorded when earned or incurred. Investments are recorded on the basis of cost but are reported in the Plan's financial statements at fair value,

redemption value or contract value. Fair value of marketable equity securities is determined by quoted market prices in an active market. The value of the Becton, Dickinson and Company Series B ESOP Convertible Preferred Stock was determined based upon the guaranteed redemption value of \$59 per share or 640% of the fair value of the Becton, Dickinson and Company Common Stock, whichever is higher. The underlying investments in the Fixed Income Fund are contracts with insurance companies which are fully benefit responsive and valued at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made, plus interest at the contract rate and transfers, less distributions. Interests in commingled trust funds and mutual funds are valued at the redemption price established by the trustee or investment manager of the respective fund. Participant loans are valued at unpaid principal balances with maturities ranging from three months to four and one-half years for ordinary loans and twenty years for primary residence loans. Cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. The Plan considers all highly-liquid investments with a maturity of 90 days or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Investment management fees, brokerage fees, commissions, stock transfer taxes, and other expenses related to each investment fund are paid out of the respective fund. Other expenses, such as trustee fees, ESOP fees and other administrative expenses are shared by Becton, Dickinson and Company, and the Plan.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Certain 1998 amounts have been reclassified to conform to 1999 presentation in accordance with the Plan's early adoption of AICPA Statement of Position 99-3, Accounting For and Reporting of Certain Defined Contribution Benefit Plan Investments and Other Disclosure Matters.

2. Description of the Plan

The Plan is a defined contribution plan established for the purpose of encouraging and assisting employees in following a systematic savings program and to provide an opportunity for employees, at no cost to themselves, to become shareholders of Becton, Dickinson and Company. Employees of Becton, Dickinson and Company and certain of its domestic subsidiaries (the "Company") are eligible for participation in the Plan on the

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Description of the Plan (continued)

first enrollment date coincident with or next following the date on which the employee commences employment with the Company.

Eligible employees who are members of the Plan can authorize a payroll deduction for a contribution to the Plan in an amount per payroll period equal to any selected whole percentage of pay from 2% to 20% inclusive. For purposes of the Plan, total pay includes base pay, overtime compensation and commissions. Pre-tax contributions are subject to annual Internal Revenue Code limitations of \$10,000 for 1999 and 1998.

Individual employee contributions of up to 6% of total pay are eligible for a matching Company contribution. The Board of Directors of the Company may, within prescribed limits, establish, from time to time, the rate of Company contributions. It has authorized the Company to make a monthly contribution to the Plan in an amount equal to 50% of eligible employee contributions during said month minus any forfeitures.

Employee contributions can be in either before-tax ("401(k)") dollars or after-tax dollars or a combination of both. Employee contributions in before-tax dollars result in savings going into the Plan before most federal, state or local taxes are withheld. Taxes are deferred until the employee withdraws the 401(k) contributions from the Plan.

Participating employees are not liable for federal income taxes on amounts earned in the Plan or on amounts contributed by the Company until such time that their participating interest is distributed to them. In general, a participating employee is subject to tax on the amount by which the distribution paid to him exceeds the amount of after-tax dollars he has contributed to the Plan.

Employee contributions are invested, at the option of the employee, in the Fixed Income, the S&P 500 Index, the Becton, Dickinson and Company Common Stock, the Balanced and the MidCap Index Funds in any combination of 1%.

The assets of the Fixed Income Fund are invested in contracts with various insurance companies, which provide known rates of return on deposited funds,

provided that the contracts remain in force until their maturity. The weighted average yield for the investment contracts was 6.30% and 6.46% at June 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively. The crediting interest rates ranged from 5.15% to 13.50% at June 30, 1999 and 5.55% to 7.49% at June 30, 1998. Crediting interest rates are determined based on the balance and duration of the contract, with certain contracts subject to quarterly rate resets based on

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Description of the Plan (continued)

market indices. There are no minimum crediting interest rates or limitations on guarantees under the terms of the contracts. No valuation reserves have been established to adjust contract amounts. The fair value of the investment contracts recorded at contract value is approximately \$158,535,500 and \$155,922,000 at June 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

State Street Bank & Trust Company ("State Street Bank") is the Plan's Trustee. State Street Bank is also the investment manager of the S&P 500 Index Fund, the MidCap Index Fund and the Becton, Dickinson and Company Common Stock Fund. PRIMCO Capital Management Inc. is the investment manager of the Fixed Income Fund. Barclays Global Investors is the investment manager of the Balanced Fund.

The assets of the Company Common Stock Fund are invested in shares of the Company's common stock. The Trustee has advised that its present intention is to purchase the Company's common stock exclusively on the open market. Contributions to the Company Common Stock Fund are comprised of both employee contributions, as well as employer matching contributions.

Any portion of the Funds, pending permanent investment or distribution, may be held on a short-term basis in cash or cash equivalents. The holding account represents funds received awaiting allocation to an investment fund.

The Company implemented an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) whereby the Becton, Dickinson and Company Preferred Stock Fund was created to account for employer matching contributions being invested in convertible preferred stock on behalf of employees. Due to the favorable performance of the Company's common shares over the past several years, preferred shares have accumulated in the trust in excess of the Company's matching obligation. As a result, the Company matched up to an additional 1% of each eligible participant's salary. This increase in the Company's contribution was allocated in September 1999. Refer to Note 6.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Description of the Plan (continued)

The Plan also has a loan provision whereby employees are allowed to take loans on their vested account balances. Loans originating during a year bear a fixed rate of interest which is set annually. Employees are required to make installment payments at each payroll date. The outstanding balance of a loan becomes due and payable upon an employee's termination. Should an employee, upon his termination, elect not to repay the outstanding balance, the loan is canceled and deemed a distribution under the Plan.

The Plan provides for vesting in employer matching contributions based on months of participation as follows:

Full Months of Participation	Percentage
Less than 24 months	0%
24 but less than 36 months	50%
36 but less than 48 months	75%
48 months or more	100%

Any participating employee with 5 or more years of service regardless of months of participation will have a 100% vested percentage in the Company's matching contributions. Also, participants may become fully vested on the date of termination of employment by reasons of death, retirement or disability, or attainment of age 65. Participants may be partially vested under certain conditions in the event of termination of employment or participation in the Plan for any other reason. Non-vested Company contributions forfeited by

participants are applied to reduce future Company contributions. Participants' contributions are always 100% vested.

The Board of Directors of the Company reserves the right to terminate, modify, alter or amend the Plan at any time and at its own discretion, provided that no such termination, modification, alteration or amendment shall permit any of the funds established pursuant to the Plan to be used for any purpose other than the exclusive benefit of the participating employees. The right to modify, alter or amend includes the right to change the percentage of the Company's contributions.

Amounts allocated to withdrawn participants which have not yet been distributed from the Plan as of June 30, 1999 and 1998 amounted to \$186,468 and \$839,972, respectively. For the purpose of preparing the Plan's Form 5500 such amounts are recorded as liabilities.

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Savings Incentive Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

3. Investments

During 1999, the Plan's investments (including investments purchased, sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in fair value as determined by quoted market prices as follows:

Participant-directed:	
Becton, Dickinson and Company Common Stock Fund	\$ (52,645,673)
State Street Bank and Trust Company S&P 500 Flagship Fund Series A	23,991,647
State Street Bank and Trust Company MidCap Index Fund Series A	4,134,513
Barclays Global Investors Commingled Fund	4,179,140
Non-participant directed:	
Becton, Dickinson and Company Series B ESOP Convertible Preferred Stock	(45,673,844)

Information about the significant components of the changes in net assets related to the non-participant directed investment, Becton, Dickinson and Company Series B ESOP Convertible Preferred Stock, is as follows:

Contributions	\$ 4,557,321
Interest and dividends	3,087,581
Net realized and unrealized depreciation in fair value	(45,673,844)
Distribution to participants	(7,703,468)
Loan withdrawals	(520,421)
Transfers between funds	(220,291)
Interest expense	(3,150,821)
Other	279,833

Total	\$ (49,344,110)
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4. Income Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated December 30, 1994, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. The plan committee believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code, and therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

5. Related Party Transactions

During the year ended June 30, 1999, the Plan purchased and distributed 1,251,067 shares and 1,149,409 shares, respectively, of the Company's common stock and recorded \$1,999,923 in dividends on the common stock from the Company. In addition, the Plan distributed 28,265 shares of the Series B ESOP convertible preferred stock of the Company and recorded \$3,057,073 in dividends on the

preferred stock from the Company.

6. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP)

The Company maintains an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) as part of the Savings Incentive Plan. The ESOP operates to satisfy all or part of the Company's obligation to match 50% of employees' contributions, up to a maximum of 3% of each participant's covered compensation. To accomplish this, the ESOP borrowed \$60,000,000 in a private debt offering and used the proceeds to buy the Company's Series B ESOP convertible preferred stock.

Each share of preferred stock has a guaranteed liquidation value of \$59 per share and is convertible into 6.4 shares of the Company's common stock. The preferred stock pays an annual dividend of \$3.835 per share which will be used by the ESOP, together with Company contributions to repay the ESOP borrowings. The allocated and unallocated shares at cost and market at June 30 were as follows:

	June 30, 1999		June 30, 1998	
	Allocated	Unallocated	Allocated	Unallocated

Becton, Dickinson and Company Series B ESOP Convertible Preferred Stock:

Number of shares	362,857	446,491	370,645	466,968
Cost	\$21,408,980	\$26,342,969	\$21,868,233	\$ 27,551,337
Market	69,668,580	85,726,272	92,068,269	115,994,851

Over a 15 year period, the trust will repay the loan; and as the loan is gradually repaid, a portion of the preferred stock will be released and used to match participants' contributions in the Plan. The initial allocation of preferred stock to plan participants began in March 1990. Each year, a pre-determined number of preferred shares will be released and available to be allocated to participants' accounts. If the total value of the preferred shares released (as the ESOP loan is repaid) is not sufficient to fully match the

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

6. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) (continued)

participants' contributions, the remaining portion of the match will be made to the Company Common Stock Fund.

7. Debt Obligations

In connection with the Employee Stock Ownership Plan feature, the Plan issued \$60,000,000 of ESOP notes in a private placement. The notes bear interest at 9.45% and are guaranteed by the Company. The notes, which are due July 1, 2004, require semi-annual interest payments and annual principal payments. The aggregate annual maturities of the debt obligations during the years ended June 30, 2000 to 2004 are as follows: 2000-\$4,861,000; 2001-\$5,343,000, 2002-\$5,873,000, 2003-\$6,455,000 and 2004-\$7,095,000.

8. Year 2000 Readiness Disclosure Statement (Unaudited)

The Company has implemented and completed a plan to ensure that hardware and software used in connection with the Plan is ready for the Year 2000. This plan involved a review of the Company's computer equipment and software to ensure that this equipment and software would function properly with respect to all dates, whether in the twentieth or twenty-first centuries, and also included a review of the Year 2000 compliance of third-party service providers to the Plan. Based on its efforts to date, the Company believes that it has completed all modifications to and replacements of the Company's computer equipment and software that are necessary to avoid any of the potential year 2000-related disruptions or malfunctions with respect to the Plan that it has identified and that third-party service providers to the Plan have provided reasonable assurances as to their Year 2000 readiness. The Company believes it has effectively anticipated and resolved any potential year 2000 issues affecting the Plan. No assurances can be given, however, that Year 2000 issues will not adversely affect the Plan to the extent the Company has not properly identified Year 2000 issues arising with respect to the Plan or third-party service providers to the Plan, or to the extent that the Company has failed to effectively address all relevant year 2000 issues affecting the Plan.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

9. Subsequent Event

Effective October 1, 1999, the Plan has made two new investment vehicles available to participants; the International Equity Fund and the Small Cap Fund. In addition, the Plan has been amended to limit the frequency of participants' ability to effectuate investment transactions and transfers involving Company stock.

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Becton, Dickinson and Company
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Item 27a--Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes

June 30, 1999

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Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party and Description of Investment	Number of Units or Shares	Cost	Contract or Current Value
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>
State Street Bank & Trust Company *Becton, Dickinson and Company Common Stock	6,163,762	\$71,196,813	\$184,912,860
State Street Bank & Trust Company *Becton, Dickinson and Company Series B ESOP Convertible Preferred Stock	809,348	47,751,949	155,394,852
State Street Bank & Trust Company S&P 500 Flagship Fund Series A	573,224	96,819,714	132,092,543
State Street Bank & Trust Company S&P MidCap Index Fund Series A	2,246,102	24,505,866	29,877,644
Barclays Global Investors Commingled Fund	1,232,859	21,242,916	31,244,446
Allstate Life Insurance Company GIC #GA/77016A, due 2/15/03, at 6.44%		17,930,536	17,930,536
GIC #GA/31028, due 2/15/02, at 5.73%		11,279,239	11,279,239
Caisse des Depots BR-239-01, due 5/31/00, at 6.08%		884,639	884,639
BR-239-02, due 12/12/02, at 6.05%		2,006,125	2,006,125
BR-239-03, due 5/14/04 at 5.92%		4,847,887	4,847,887
Hartford Life Insurance Company GIC #GA/10120, due 8/2/99, at 7.27%		3,523,808	3,523,808
John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company GIC #GA/7238-1, due 12/2/02 at 5.34%		5,095,161	5,095,161
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company GIC #GA/13669, due 4/30/01, at 5.61%		694,478	694,478
GIC #GA/13817, due 1/2/01, at 13.5%		2,143,556	2,143,556
Prudential Cap Max GIC #10008-211, due 6/19/00, at 6.05%		5,311,895	5,311,895
GIC #10008-212, due 4/23/02 at 5.91%		1,212,333	1,212,333

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* As Becton, Dickinson and Company is the plan sponsor, these represent party-in-interest transactions.

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Becton, Dickinson and Company
Savings Incentive Plan

Item 27a--Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes (continued)

June 30, 1999

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Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party and Description of Investment	Number of Units or Shares	Cost	Contract or Current Value
<S> Continental Assurance Company GIC #630/05752, due 10/31/06, at 6.55%	<C>	<C> \$ 15,674,240	<C> \$ 15,674,240
Monumental Life Insurance Company #0027TR, due 8/1/99, at 6.87%		20,090,497	20,090,497
Security Life of Denver Insurance Company GIC #108GIC, due 9/28/99, at 5.15%		4,463,848	4,463,848
State Street Bank and Trust GIC #96034, due 10/16/06, at 6.30%		33,533,623	33,533,623
Trans America Life Insurance and Annuity Company GIC #76572, due 11/15/04, at 5.55%		19,714,373	19,714,373
Business Men's Assurance - MBIA GIC #1324, due 11/03/03, at 5.48%		5,173,974	5,173,974
GIC #1352, due 3/21/03, at 6.05%		2,032,774	2,032,774
Jackson National Life Insurance Company GIC #1261, due 3/18/04, at 6.05%		3,050,634	3,050,634
Total investments		420,180,878	692,185,965
Loans receivable from participants (original loan amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000 bearing interest at rates ranging from 7% to 11.5%)			18,293,968
		\$420,180,878	\$710,479,933

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Item 27d--Schedule of Reportable Transactions

Year ended June 30, 1999

<TABLE> <CAPTION>		Total Number of Purchases or Sales	Aggregate Value of Purchases	Aggregate Value of Sales
Gain or Identity of Party Involved (Loss)	Description of Assets			
<S> <C> Category (iii)-Series of transactions in excess of 5%	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
State Street Bank and Trust Company	S&P 500 Flagship Fund	123	\$ 25,330,457	
State Street Bank and Trust Company 940,680	S&P 500 Flagship Fund	130		\$ 24,968,660
State Street Bank and Trust Company	Short-term Investment Fund	245	192,387,641	
State Street Bank and Trust Company	Short-term Investment Fund	257		190,788,669
Becton Dickinson and Company	Common stock	193	47,198,281	
Becton Dickinson and Company (1,144,508)	Common stock	233		44,840,274

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There were no category (i), (ii) or (iv) reportable transactions during 1999.

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SIGNATURES

PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, THE MEMBERS OF THE SAVINGS INCENTIVE PLAN COMMITTEE HAVE DULY CAUSED THIS ANNUAL REPORT TO BE SIGNED BY THE UNDERSIGNED HEREUNTO DULY AUTHORIZED.

Becton, Dickinson and Company

Savings Incentive Plan

/s/ Gerald Caporicci

GERALD CAPORICCI
MEMBER, SAVINGS INCENTIVE PLAN
COMMITTEE

Date: December 8, 1999

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<S> 23 </TABLE>	<C> Consent of Independent Auditors	<C> Filed with this report

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements (Form S-8 Nos. 33-33791 and 33-23055) pertaining to the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan and in the related prospectuses of our report dated December 6, 1999, with respect to the financial statements and schedules of the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan included in this Annual Report (Form 11-K) for the year ended June 30, 1999.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Ernst & Young LLP

New York, New York
December 6, 1999