

**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) October 4, 2012

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New Jersey
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-4802
(Commission File Number)

22-0760120
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

07417-1880
(Zip Code)

(201) 847-6800
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 8.01**Other Events.**

In a decision dated September 28, 2012, the District Court for the Southern District of California issued a decision on pre-trial summary judgment motions in *Gen-Probe Incorporated v. Becton Dickinson and Company*. The court ruled that some of Gen-Probe's asserted patent claims are infringed, but other claims are not infringed, thus reducing from six to four the number of patents to be contested at the trial (which is scheduled to begin on December 4, 2012) and significant defense issues relating to patent invalidity, inequitable conduct and standing, remain to be adjudicated. This decision does not change the Company's views and it continues to believe that it has meritorious defenses to this litigation.

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: October 4, 2012