
**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) **March 24, 2014**

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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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 24, 2014, Claire Pomeroy was elected to the Board of Directors of Becton, Dickinson and Company (“BD”), and was appointed a member of both the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and the Science, Marketing, Innovation and Technology Committee of the Board. BD’s Board of Directors has determined that Dr. Pomeroy is independent under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange and the independence guidelines contained in BD’s Corporate Governance Principles. Information regarding the compensation of the non-management members of BD’s Board of Directors is included under the caption “Non-Management Directors’ Compensation” in BD’s proxy statement relating to its 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. In connection with her appointment, Dr. Pomeroy received a grant of 1,299 restricted stock units, representing a prorated grant from the effective date of her election to the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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: March 26, 2014