

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>FORLENZA VINCENT A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY</u> <u>1 BECTON DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>FRANKLIN LAKES NJ 07417</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BECTON DICKINSON & CO [BDX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <u>President - BD Biosciences</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/24/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/24/2004		M		97,612	A	\$20.0325	129,643	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2004		M		4,030	A	\$24.8125	133,763	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2004		M		3,583	A	\$27.9063	137,256	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2004		S		97,612	D	\$48.55	39,644	D	
Common Stock								4,666	I	SIP Trust ⁽¹⁾

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$20.0325	02/24/2004		M		97,612		01/22/1996	01/22/2006	Common Stock	97,612	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$24.8125	02/24/2004		M		4,030		01/27/1999 ⁽²⁾	01/27/2007	Common Stock	4,030	\$0	102,538	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$27.9063	02/24/2004		M		3,583		01/24/2002 ⁽³⁾	01/24/2010	Common Stock	3,583	\$0	23,417	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents an interest in shares of common stock held under the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan (the "SIP"). Mr. Forlenza also has an interest in 519 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock under the SIP, which are convertible into 3,322 shares of common stock. The information presented for the SIP is as of January 31, 2004.
- The option became 50% exercisable on January 27, 1999 and fully exercisable on January 27, 2000.
- The option became 50% exercisable on January 24, 2002 and fully exercisable on January 24, 2003.

Remarks:

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Vincent A. Forlenza 02/25/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of DEAN J. PARANICAS, GARY DEFAZIO and PATRICIA WALESIEWICZ, signing singly, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an Executive Officer of Becton, Dickinson and Company (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5, including any related
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5, including any related Forms 144, and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of each such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally r

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the exercise o

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions i

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 24th day of November, 2003.

/s/ Vincent A. Forlenza

Vincent A. Forlenza