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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>BEATY HARRY N</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 &amp; CO [ BDX ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/03/2004</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	05/03/2004		M		2,934	A	\$25.625	12,137.71	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2004		M		2,061	A	\$38.455	14,198.71	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2004		M		1,163	A	\$36.93	15,361.71	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2004		M		695	A	\$32.065	16,056.71	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2004		S		6,600	D	\$50.25	9,456.71	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2004		S		253	D	\$50.32	9,203.71 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

**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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$25.625	05/03/2004		M			2,934	02/08/2002 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/08/2010	Common Stock	2,934	\$0	0	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$38.455	05/03/2004		M			2,061	02/13/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/13/2011	Common Stock	2,061	\$0	0	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$36.93	05/03/2004		M			1,163	02/13/2003 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/13/2012	Common Stock	1,163	\$0	1,164	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$32.065	05/03/2004		M			695	02/11/2004 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/11/2013	Common Stock	695	\$0	2,086	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Includes 3.71 restricted stock units acquired through dividend reinvestment.
- The option vested 50% on February 8, 2002 and vested fully on February 8, 2003.
- The option vested 50% on February 13, 2003 and vested fully on February 13, 2004.
- The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on February 13, 2003.
- The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on February 11, 2004.

**Remarks:**

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Harry N. Beaty 05/05/2004

\*\* 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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