FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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COHEN GARY M					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BECTON DICKINSON & CO [BDX]										tionship of R all applicabl Director		erson(s)	to Issuer	ner	
(Last) C/O BECTON,	(First)	(Mic	ddle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/28/2004								X	Officer (give title below) President - BD			Other (specifical	pecify		
1 BECTON DRIVE					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Indiv	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
(Street) FRANKLIN LAKES	NJ	074	417													d by More th		•	g Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)																	
		Tal	ble I - Nor	n-Deri	vative	Se	curitie	s Acq	uired, D	isp	osed of	, or E	Benefic	ially Ow	ned					
Date				ransaction e nth/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea		3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	/	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	(Instr. 3 and				(Instr. 4)		
	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		3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/	ate,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				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 derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported	ly C	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	V (A)		(D)	Date Exercisabl		expiration Date	or Nu		Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	ni(ə)			
Rights to Common Stock Under Deferred Compensation Plan	(1)	06/28/2004			A		17.4		(2)		(2)		mmon tock	17.4	\$50.5	4,100.2	3	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 2. The securities are generally distributed upon termination, or following retirement on the date or dates specified by the reporting person.

Remarks:

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Gary M. Cohen 06/29/2004

** 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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