FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PERRELLA JAMES E | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BECTON DICKINSON & CO [BDX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | all applicabl | , | | s) to Issuer 10% Ow Other (s | · |
|---|--|--|--|-----|---|-----|--|--|---|--|--|-------------|--|---|--|-------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | , | liddle) | | 04/30/2007 | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | | | below) | pecity | |
| C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY 1 BECTON DRIVE | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. Indiv | | | | | | |
| (Street) FRANKLIN LAKES | NJ | 07 | 7417 | | | | | | | | | | | Form filed | d by More t | han O | ne Reportin | g Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Z | ip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | | | | saction 2A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Year) | | tion Date, | Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. | | rities Acquired (A) or ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and | | | 5. Amount Securities Beneficially Following I | / Owned | Form: | Direct (D) irect (I) 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount (A) or (D) | | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (111501.4) | |
| | 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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year | Cod | Transaction Code (Instr. | | mber of ative rities ired (A) sposed (Instr. 3, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amoun Securities Underlyi Derivative Security 3 and 4) | | erlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction | ly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Cod | ie V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisabl | | xpiration ate | Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | лі(ъ) | | |
| Rights to Common Stock Under 1996 Directors Deferral Plan | (1) | 04/30/2007 | | 1 | A | 191 | | (2) | | (2) | | nmon ock | 191 | \$78.47 | 22,144 ⁽ | 3) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 2. The securities are distributed following termination of the reporting person's service as a director, or on the date or dates specified by the reporting person.
- 3. Includes units acquired through dividend reinvestment since the last report filed by the reporting person.

Remarks:

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for James E. Perrella 05/02/2007

** 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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