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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 &amp; 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>Executive Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/24/2008</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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/24/2008		M		3,325 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	81,990	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2008		A		7,962 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$0	89,952	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2008		F		5,225	D	\$0	84,727	D	
Common Stock	11/25/2008		A		5,432 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$0	90,159 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								8,836 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	SIP Trust

**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						Amount or Number of Shares
Rights to Common Stock	\$0 <sup>(6)</sup>	11/24/2008		M		3,325		(7)	(7)	Common Stock	3,325	\$0	0	D	
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$62.5	11/25/2008		A		34,544		11/25/2009 <sup>(8)</sup>	11/25/2018	Common Stock	34,544	\$0	34,544	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Represents shares distributed under the November 24, 2003 grant of performance units.
- Represents shares distributed upon the vesting of performance units granted on November 21, 2005.
- Represents restricted stock units awarded under the Becton, Dickinson and Company 2004 Employee and Director Equity-Based Compensation Plan.
- Includes units acquired through dividend reinvestment since the last report filed by the reporting person.
- Represents shares of common stock held under the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan (the "SIP"). The information presented for the SIP is as of October 31, 2008.
- The securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- The securities are distributable upon retirement or the date or dates specified by the reporting person.
- The stock appreciation rights vest in four annual installments beginning November 25, 2009.

**Remarks:**

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Vincent A. Forlenza 11/26/2008

\*\* 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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