# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-K/A**

## ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

**COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-4802** 

# BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

22-0760120 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1 **Becton Drive** Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417-1880

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

(201) 847-6800 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, par value \$1.00

New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yesx No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes "No x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act)."

Large accelerated filer x

Accelerated filer "

Non-accelerated filer "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes "No x

As of March 30, 2007, the aggregate market value of the registrant's outstanding common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$18,791,822,502.

As of October 31, 2007, 243,899,512 shares of the registrant's common stock were outstanding.

**Documents Incorporated by Reference None.** 

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

On November 23, 2007, Becton, Dickinson and Company filed its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007 (the "Form 10-K"). This amendment to the Form 10-K is being filed solely to amend the certifications required under Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 13a-14(a) that were included as Exhibit 31 in the Form 10-K. These certifications now include certain language required by Rule 13a-14(a) that was inadvertently omitted from the certifications when filed with the Form 10-K.

Pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, currently dated certifications required by Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code are filed as Exhibit 32 to this amendment.

#### PART IV

### Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules.

The following exhibits are filed with this Annual Report on Form 10-K/A.

- Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 13a-14(a)
- Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

By:/s/ Dean J. Paranicas

Dean J. Paranicas
Vice President, Corporate Secretary
and Public Policy

Dated: January 30, 2008

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below on the 29th day of January, 2008 by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
/s/ Edward J. Ludwig	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
(Edward J. Ludwig)	(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ John R. Considine	Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(John R. Considine)	(Principal Financial Officer)
/s/ William A. Tozzi	Vice President – Finance
(William A. Tozzi)	(Principal Accounting Officer)
/s/ Basil L. Anderson	Director
(Basil L. Anderson)	
/s/ Henry P. Becton, Jr.	Director
(Henry P. Becton, Jr.)	
/s/ Edward F. DeGraan	Director
(Edward F. DeGraan)	
/s/ Claire M. Fraser-Liggett	Director
(Claire M. Fraser-Liggett)	
/s/ Marshall O. Larsen	Director
(Marshall O. Larsen)	
/s/ Adel A.F. Mahmoud	Director
(Adel A.F. Mahmoud)	
/s/ Gary A. Mecklenburg	Director
(Gary A. Mecklenburg)	
/s/ Cathy E. Minehan	Director
(Cathy E. Minehan)	
/s/ James F. Orr	Director
(James F. Orr)	
/s/ Willard J. Overlock, Jr.	Director
(Willard J. Overlock, Jr.)	
/s/ James E. Perrella	Director
(James E. Perrella)	

/s/ Bertram L. Scott (Bertram L. Scott)	Director
/s/ Alfred Sommer (Alfred Sommer)	Director
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#### CERTIFICATIONS

#### I, Edward J. Ludwig, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Becton, Dickinson and Company;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: January 30, 2008

/s/ Edward J. Ludwig
Edward J. Ludwig
Chairman, President and
Chief Executive Officer

- I, John R. Considine, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Becton, Dickinson and Company;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: January 30, 2008

/s/ John R. Considine

John R. Considine Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer The certification set forth below is being submitted in connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Becton, Dickinson and Company for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007 (the "Report") for the purpose of complying with Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

- I, Edward J. Ludwig, the Chief Executive Officer of Becton, Dickinson and Company, certify that:
  - 1. such Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act; and
  - 2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Becton, Dickinson and Company.

Date: January 30, 2008

/s/ Edward J. Ludwig Edward J. Ludwig Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer The certification set forth below is being submitted in connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Becton, Dickinson and Company for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007 (the "Report") for the purpose of complying with Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

- I, John R. Considine, the Chief Financial Officer of Becton, Dickinson and Company, certify that:
  - 1. such Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act; and
  - 2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Becton, Dickinson and Company.

Date: January 30, 2008

/s/ John R. Considine

John R. Considine Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer