

**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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>LUDWIG EDWARD J</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY</u> <u>ONE 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chairman, President and CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/11/2003</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	08/08/2003		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V	1,040	D	\$0	52,013.8 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	08/08/2003		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V	520	A	\$0	2,761.91 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Son <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock								18,520.55	I	SIP Trust <sup>(5)</sup>

**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
Rights to Common Stock Under Deferred Compensation Plan	<sup>(6)</sup>	08/11/2003		A		91.77		<sup>(7)</sup>	<sup>(7)</sup>	Common Stock	91.77	\$37.72	28,703.58	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Includes gift of 520 shares to son who shares reporting person's household.
- Includes 110.40 shares acquired since May 1, 2003 through dividend reinvestment.
- Includes 5.734 shares acquired since May 1, 2003 through dividend reinvestment.
- The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- Shares are held under the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan ("SIP"). The information presented for the SIP is as of July 31, 2003.
- The securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- The securities are generally distributed upon termination, or following retirement on the date or dates specified by the reporting person.

**Remarks:**

Gary DeFazio, by power of attorney for Edward J. Ludwig

08/12/2003

\*\* 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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