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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 * <u>TOZZI WILLIAM 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) <b>VP and Controller</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/23/2004</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	11/23/2004		A		1,085 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$54.41	6,150	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2004		M		8,000	A	\$24.8125	14,150	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2004		F		1,833	D	\$54.2	12,317	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2004		S		3,970	D	\$54.6215	8,347	D	
Common Stock								3,982	I	SIP Trust <sup>(2)</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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$54.41	11/23/2004		A		6,877		11/23/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	11/23/2015	Common Stock	6,877	\$0	6,877	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$24.8125	11/24/2004		M		8,000		01/27/1999 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/27/2007	Common Stock	8,000	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Represents shares awarded under the Becton, Dickinson and Company 2004 Employee and Director Equity-Based Compensation Plan.
- Represents shares of common stock held under the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan (the "SIP"). Mr. Tozzi also has an interest in 436 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock under the SIP, which are convertible into 2,790 shares of common stock. The information presented for the SIP is as of October 31, 2004.
- The option vests in four annual installments beginning November 23, 2005.
- The option became 50% exercisable on January 27, 1999 and fully exercisable on January 27, 2000.

**Remarks:**

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for William A. Tozzi 11/26/2004

\*\* 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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