LUDWIG EDWARD J

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** LUDWIG EDWARD J	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	BECTON DICKINSON & CO [BDX]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE	12/17/2004	Chairman, President and CEO			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non	-Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onor Dispos (Instr. 3,	sed of	` '	5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/01/2005		M	20,000	A	\$ 20.0325	124,143	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2005		S(1)	19,000	D	\$ 56.7	105,143	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2004		G V	5,000	D	\$ 0	100,143	D	
Common Stock							23,131 (2)	I	SIP Trust

Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned	l					
(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)	TransactionDerivative Expiration Date Underly		(Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.0325	02/01/2005		M		20,000	01/22/1996	01/22/2006	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Ot	her

LUDWIG EDWARD J C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY 1 BECTON DRIVE FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

X

Chairman, President and CEO

Relationships

Signatures

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Edward J. Ludwig 02/03/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan (the "Plan") adopted by the reporting person on May 26, 2004. Details of the Plan were furnished in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 27, 2004.
- (2) 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 January 31, 2005.

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