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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549								OMB Number:	3235-0287		
if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940											
1(b). (Print or Type I	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> LUDWIG EDWARD J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BECTON DICKINSON & CO [BDX]				-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) C/O BECTO COMPANY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/23/2004					X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman, President and CEO					
				endment, Da nth/Day/Year	-			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						Person			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	te 2A. Deer Execution any		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	ies Ac sposed 4 and 5 (A) or	equired l of (D) 5)	uired, Disposed of 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	
Common Stock Common	11/23/2004			Code V A	Amount 14,820 (1)	(D) A	Price \$ 54.41	105,143	D	SIP Trust	
Stock								19,324	Ι	(2)	

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

 (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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	e Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) (A) ed of		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 54.41	11/23/2004		A	76,409	11/23/2005 <u>(3)</u>	11/23/2015	Common Stock	76,4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LUDWIG EDWARD J C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY 1 BECTON DRIVE FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417	Х		Chairman, President and CEO				
Signatures							
Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Ed Ludwig		11/26/2004					
** 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) 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. Ludwig also(2) has an interest in 583 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock under the SIP, which are convertible into 3,731 shares of common stock. The information presented for the SIP is as of October 31, 2004.
- (3) The option vests in four annual installments beginning November 23, 2005.

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