

BECTON DICKINSON & CO  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Mecklenburg Gary A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BECTON DICKINSON & CO  
 [BDX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/31/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE  
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Price of Derivative |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|---|--|------------------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3)                                       | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Security (Instr. 5) |                 |              |                            |        |
|---|--|----------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------|
|   |  |                      | Code            | V  | (A)              | (D)              | Date Exercisable    | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |        |
| Rights to Common Stock Under 1996 Directors Deferral Plan | (1)                                      | 10/31/2008           | A               |  | 252              |                  | (2)                 | (2)             | Common Stock | 252                        | \$ 69. |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Mecklenburg Gary A  
 C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY  
 1 BECTON DRIVE  
 FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

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## Signatures

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Gary A.  
 Mecklenburg

11/04/2008

\_\_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 securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The securities are distributed following termination of the reporting person's service as a director, or on the date or dates specified by the reporting person.
- (3) Previously reported balance was reduced by 35 shares that were erroneously attributed to the reporting person's deferral account. These 35 shares will be reported in Table I in future filings.

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