LUDWIG EDWARD J
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LUDWIG EDWARD J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE

(Street)

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/17/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chairman, President and CEO

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

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	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

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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				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	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LUDWIG EDWARD J C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY 1 BECTON DRIVE FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

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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