

CONSIDINE JOHN R  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CONSIDINE JOHN R

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/23/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP and CFO

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

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

(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)  | Price   |  |                                   |   |                  |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  |  |                                   |   |                  |
| Common Stock                    | 11/23/2004                           |  | A                              |   | 5,928<br>(1)  | \$ 54.41   | 42,429                            | D |                  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 797                               | I | SIP Trust<br>(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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 54.41   | 11/23/2004                           |  | A                              | 30,564  | 11/23/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 11/23/2015                     | Common Stock  | 30,564                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| CONSIDINE JOHN R<br>C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY<br>1 BECTON DRIVE<br>FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417 |               |           | Executive VP and CFO |       |

## Signatures

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for John R. Considine  
 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.
- (2) Represents shares of common stock held under the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan (the "SIP"). Mr. Considine also has an interest in 132 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock under the SIP, which are convertible into 844 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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