

COHEN GARY M  
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 \*  
COHEN GARY M

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)  
12/10/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2007                           |  | M                              | 77,308 A \$ 32.49   | 149,965   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2007                           |  | S                              | 77,308 D \$ 83.83   | 72,657  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2007                           |  | M                              | 608 A \$ 0  | 73,265  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2007                           |  | F                              | 274 D \$ 0  | 72,991  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 15,202 <sup>(1)</sup>   | I  | SIP Trust   |

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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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 32.49   | 12/10/2007                           |  | M                              | 77,308  | (3) (3)  | Common Stock  | 77,308                        |
| Rights to Common Stock                     | (2)  | 12/10/2007                           |  | M                              | 608   | (4) (4)  | Common Stock  | 608                           |

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships  |
|---|--|
| COHEN GARY M<br>C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY<br>1 BECTON DRIVE<br>FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417 | Director 10% Owner Officer<br><br>Executive Vice President |

**Signatures**

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Gary M. Cohen  
 12/12/2007  
 \*\*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 of common stock held under the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan (the "SIP"). The information presented for the SIP is as of November 30, 2007.

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- (2) The securities convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) The option became exercisable in four annual installments beginning November 27, 2002.
- (4) These shares were issuable under the November 24, 2003 grant of performance units and were mandatorily deferred until the payment of these shares was deductible under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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