

BECTON DICKINSON & CO  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 SOMMER ALFRED

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)  
 12/06/2004

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

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  
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(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                    | 12/06/2004                           |  | M                              |   | 2,934   | A  | \$ 25.63                          | 4,144 <sup>(1)</sup> | D |
| Common Stock                    | 12/06/2004                           |  | S                              |   | 2,934   | D  | \$ 55.84                          | 1,210                | D |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 25.63   | 12/06/2004                           |  | M                              | 2,934   | 02/08/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/08/2010                     | Common Stock  | 2,934                      |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

SOMMER ALFRED  
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 Alfred Sommer

12/08/2004

\*\*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) Includes restricted stock units acquired through dividend reinvestment since the last report filed by the reporting person.

(2) The option became 50% exercisable on February 8, 2002 and fully exercisable on February 8, 2003.

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