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| FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION | | | | | | | | | APPRON | 7AL 5-0287 | |
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| (Print or Type | Responses) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and CONSIDI | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | | | |
| | | BECTON DICKINSON & CO [BDX] | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
| (Last) C/O BECT | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/27/2004 | | | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Executive VP and CFO | | | | | | | |
| COMPAN | Y, 1 BECTON DI | RIVE | | | | | | | | | |
| | (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | ginal | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | | |
| FRANKLI | N LAKES, NJ 074 | 417 | | | | | Person | More than One | Reporting | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | ole I - Non-J | Derivat | ive Securities A | Acquired, Disposed | of, or Benefi | cially Own | ied | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Date, if | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V | Dispos (Instr. | red (A) or sed of (D) 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indire (I) (Instr. 4) | Indirec | t cial ship | |
| Reminder: Re | eport on a separate line | e for each cl | ass of sec | urities bene | Per info req dis | rsons who resormation cont prmation cont puired to resp | or indirectly. spond to the colle tained in this form ond unless the fo ntly valid OMB co | n are not orm | SEC 147 (9-02 | | |

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amount of |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transact | ionof Derivative | Expiration Date | Underlying Securities |

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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|--|---|------------|-------------------------|---|---|------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Rights to Common Stock Under Deferred Compensation Plan | <u>(1)</u> | 12/27/2004 | | A | | 49.19 | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 49.19 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| CONSIDINE JOHN R C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY 1 BECTON DRIVE FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417 | | | Executive VP and CFO | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Joh Considine | nn R. | | 12/28/2004 | | | | |

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 generally distributed upon termination, or following retirement on the date or dates specified by the reporting person.

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