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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO
SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 30, 2007

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New Jersey

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-4802

22-0760120

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey

07417-1880

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(201) 847-6800

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

At the 2007 Annual Shareholders Meeting of Becton, Dickinson and Company ("BD") held on January 30, 2007 (the "2007 Annual Meeting"), the shareholders of BD approved an amendment to the Becton, Dickinson and Company 2004 Employee and Director Equity-Based Compensation Plan (the "Plan") to increase the number of shares available for issuance under the Plan by 5,500,000.

Margaretha af Ugglas retired as a member of the Board of Directors of BD, effective following the 2007 Annual Meeting.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 30, 2007, BD issued a press release announcing the declaration of a quarterly dividend. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

On January 30, 2007, BD issued a press release announcing the voting results of the 2007 Annual Meeting. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 10 Becton, Dickinson and Company 2004 Employee and Director Equity-Based Compensation Plan, as amended and restated as of January 30, 2007

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Dean J. Paranicas
Dean J. Paranicas
Vice President, Corporate
Secretary and Public Policy

Date: February 5, 2007

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