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Form 8-K  
May 24, 2005

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) May 24, 2005

**BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**New Jersey**

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-4802**

**22-0760120**

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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey**

**07417-1880**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

**(201) 847-6800**

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**N/A**

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

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On May 24, 2005, 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.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated May 24, 2005, which is filed pursuant to Item 8.01.

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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. Parnicas  
Dean J. Parnicas  
Vice President, Corporate  
Secretary and Public Policy

Date: May 24, 2005

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| <u>Exhibit<br/>Number</u> | <u>Description of Exhibits</u>  |
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