BECTON DICKINSON & CO

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SOMMER ALFRED

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

BECTON DICKINSON & CO

(Check all applicable)

[BDX]

12/06/2004

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

_X__ Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

(City)

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3.	4. Securi		•	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Tear)	any	Code	unsaction(A) or Disposed of (D) de (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
(Ziisti e)		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(111541.2)		,	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
		• •					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported		
					or		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/06/2004		M	2,934	A	\$ 25.63	4,144 <u>(1)</u>	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.63	12/06/2004		M	2,934	02/08/2002(2)	02/08/2010	Common Stock	2,934

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
, G	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SOMMER ALFRED C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY 1 BECTON DRIVE FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417	X					

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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