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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LUDWIG EDWARD J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND

COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE (Street)

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

(City) (State) (Zip) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

BECTON DICKINSON & CO [BDX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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