

BECTON DICKINSON & CO  
Form 8-K  
July 24, 2012

**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) July 23, 2012**

**BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**New Jersey**

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)**

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**001-4802**  
(Commission File Number)

**22-0760120**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**07417-1880**  
(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 Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

Rebecca W. Rimel has been elected to the Board of Directors of Becton, Dickinson and Company ( BD ), effective July 23, 2012, at which time she will become a member of each of the Audit Committee and the Science, Investment and Technology Committee of the Board. A copy of the press release issued by BD in connection with Ms. Rimel s election is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Information regarding the compensation of the non-management members of BD s Board of Directors is included under the caption Non-Management Directors Compensation in BD s proxy statement relating to its 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated July 23, 2012, which is filed pursuant to Item 5.02.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated July 23, 2012, which is filed pursuant to Item 5.02

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/ Gary DeFazio  
Gary DeFazio  
Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: July 24, 2012

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99.1 Press release dated July 23, 2012, filed pursuant to Item 5.02