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Form 8-K  
December 07, 2006

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) November 21, 2006

**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 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On December 1, 2006, Becton, Dickinson and Company ( BD ) amended its syndicated credit facility to increase the amount available under the facility from \$900 million to \$1 billion. The credit facility, as amended, expires in November 2011. The facility, under which there are no borrowings outstanding, can be used to support BD s commercial paper program or for general corporate purposes.

### ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On November 21, 2006, 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.

99.1 Press release dated November 21, 2006, 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: December 7, 2006

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**Description of Exhibits**

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