BECTON DICKINSON & CO
Form 8-K
January 07, 2009

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) January 6, 2009

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New Jersey

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-4802	**22-0760120**
(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey	**07417-1880**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(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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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On January 6, 2009, Becton, Dickinson and Company (□BD□) and Ultimed, Inc. entered into an agreement to settle the matter of *Ultimed, Inc. v. Becton, Dickinson and Company* (Civil Action No. 06CV2266, United States District Court, District of Minnesota). Under the terms of the settlement, in exchange for mutual releases, BD will pay the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars ($750,000), and Ultimed will dismiss the matter with prejudice.

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

Date: January 7, 2009