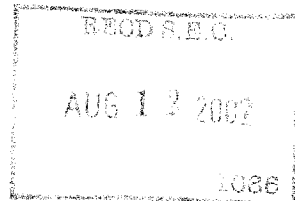


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August 12, 2002

Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20549

Re: Sworn Statements Pursuant to the Order under Section 21 (a)(1) of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934 No. 4-460

Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed are the sworn statements of Edward J. Ludwig, Chief Executive Officer, and
John R. Considine, Chief Financial Officer, respectively, which are being filed with the United
States Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Commission Order No. 4-460 issued on
July 27, 2002.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission by stamping "filed" on the enclosed copy
of this letter and returning it to the undersigned.

Please call me at (201) 847-5647 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Bridget M. Healy
Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

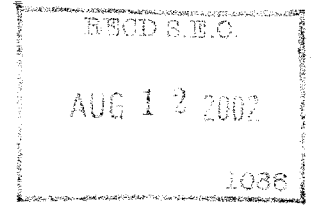
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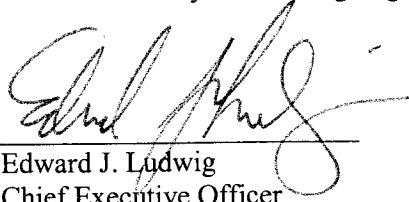
STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO
EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS


I, Edward J. Ludwig, the Chief Executive Officer of Becton, Dickinson and Company, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Becton, Dickinson and Company, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
 - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
 - Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2001 of Becton, Dickinson and Company;
 - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Becton, Dickinson and Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Signed by: 
 Edward J. Ludwig
 Chief Executive Officer
 August 12, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before
 me this 12th day of August, 2002.

 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: _____
SUSAN C. SABEL

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