

BECTON DICKINSON & CO

Form 8-K

February 12, 2016

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) February 12, 2016

BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New Jersey

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-4802

(Commission File Number)

22-0760120

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(201) 847-6800

07417-1880

(Zip Code)

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 12, 2106, Becton, Dickinson and Company (“BD”) increased the size of its commercial paper program to permit the issuance of commercial paper notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1.5 billion at any time outstanding. Prior to this increase, the commercial paper program permitted BD to issue commercial paper notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1 billion at any time outstanding.

The commercial paper notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold absent registration or an applicable exemption from such registration requirements.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy notes under BD’s commercial paper program.

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
Senior Vice President and Corporate
Secretary

Date: February 12, 2016