

Annual Meeting

1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

Hilton Short Hills

41 John F. Kennedy Parkway

Short Hills, NJ 07078

This annual report is not a solicitation of proxies.

Direct Stock Purchase Plan

The Direct Stock Purchase Plan established through Computershare Trust Company, N.A., enhances the services provided to existing shareholders and facilitates initial investments in BD shares. Plan documentation and additional information may be obtained by calling Computershare Trust Company, N.A., at 1-877-498-8861, or by accessing the "Buy Shares" feature located within the Investor Centre of Computershare's website at www.computershare.com.

NYSE Symbol

BDX

On February 19, 2008, Edward J. Ludwig, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, submitted to the NYSE the Written Affirmation required by the rules of the NYSE certifying that he was not aware of any violations by BD of NYSE Corporate Governance listing standards.

The certifications of Mr. Ludwig and John R. Considine, Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer, made pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 regarding the quality of BD's public disclosure, have been filed as exhibits to the Company's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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At November 5, 2008, BD had 8,793 shareholders of record.

BD's Statement of Corporate Governance Principles, BD's Business Conduct and Compliance Guide, the charters of BD's Committees of the Board of Directors, BD's reports and statements filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission and other information are posted on BD's website at www.bd.com/investors/.

Shareholders may receive, without charge, printed copies of these documents, including BD's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K, by contacting:

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Common Stock Prices and Dividends (per common share)

By Quarter		2008		
	High	Low	Dividends	
First	\$85.30	\$80.30	\$0.285	
Second	92.34	84.03	0.285	
Third	89.40	77.93	0.285	
Fourth	88.49	78.71	0.285	
By Quarter		2007		
	High	Low	Dividends	
First	\$73.79	\$68.81	\$0.245	
Second	78.14	69.85	0.245	
Third	80.87	73.65	0.245	
Fourth	82.61	74.24	0.245	