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Leading Industry Analyst Amit Bhalla Joins BD as Vice President, Global Strategy and Development

FRANKLIN LAKES, N.J., Feb. 7, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) (NYSE: BDX), a leading global technology company, today announced the appointment of Amit Bhalla as Vice President, Global Strategy and Development. Mr. Bhalla will join BD in March, 2014 and will report to Vincent A. Forlenza, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President.

"I am pleased to welcome Amit to our management team," said Mr. Forlenza. "His extensive experience covering the Medical Technology industry will serve as an asset in this role. I'm confident that his proven expertise will help drive and develop BD's strategy of accelerating growth through innovation, geographic expansion and operating effectiveness to create value for our customers and shareholders."

Mr. Bhalla, 39, will partner with the senior management team in driving the overall development of BD's strategy. The business development and corporate strategy functions will report to him.

He joins BD from Citi, where he served as Director – Equity Research – Life Science Tools/Medical Technology since 2006. Prior to that role, Mr. Bhalla served as Vice President – Equity Research – Emerging Medical Technology at Morgan Stanley, as well as Technical Operations/Research & Development Associate at Johnson & Johnson.

Mr. Bhalla earned his MBA from Carnegie Mellon University at the Tepper School of Business and holds a B.S. in biology from Cornell University.

About BD

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