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BD Board Declares Dividend and Authorizes Additional Share Repurchases

FRANKLIN LAKES, N.J., July 24 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Board of Directors of BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) (NYSE: BDX) has declared a quarterly dividend of 24.5 cents per common share. The dividend will be payable on September 28, 2007 to holders of record on September 7, 2007.

The Board has also authorized BD to repurchase up to 10 million of its common shares. This authorization is in addition to the approximately 1.6 million shares that remained available at June 30, 2007, under a 10 million- share repurchase authorization in November 2005. BD plans to use the shares for general corporate purposes. On March 31, 2007, BD had approximately 245 million common shares outstanding. BD said the new authorization is consistent with continued strong cash flow.

About BD

BD, a leading global medical technology company that manufactures and sells medical devices, instrument systems and reagents, is dedicated to improving people's health throughout the world. BD is focused on improving drug therapy, enhancing the quality and speed of diagnosing infectious diseases, and advancing research and discovery of new drugs and vaccines. The Company's capabilities are instrumental in combating many of the world's most pressing diseases. Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, BD employs approximately 27,000 people in approximately 50 countries throughout the world. The Company serves healthcare institutions, life science researchers, clinical laboratories, industry and the general public. For more information, please visit www.bd.com.

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