

## **BD Donates \$325,000 for Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Efforts**

FRANKLIN LAKES, N.J., March 15, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) (NYSE: BDX), a leading global medical technology company, announced today that it is donating \$325,000 to assist in relief efforts for victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. BD will distribute these funds among nonprofit disaster relief and humanitarian aid organizations AmeriCares, American Red Cross, Direct Relief International, Heart to Heart International, Project HOPE, Save the Children, U.S. Fund for UNICEF, World Vision and the Give2Asia Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Fund.

"The impact of this devastating earthquake and the resulting tsunami continues to grow," said Edward J. Ludwig, BD Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "BD is committed to supporting the Japanese people and our employees in Japan during the country's recovery. On behalf of BD's 29,000 associates around the world, I extend our deepest sympathies to the people of Japan and all affected by this tragedy."

BD is currently working with these nonprofit organizations to assess the country's needs for healthcare products and will respond accordingly when the assessments are complete. Additionally, the Company will match donations from its associates worldwide to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF and the American Red Cross, up to a total of \$50,000. This match is in addition to BD's traditional Matching Gift Program, which matches donations from U.S. associates to eligible nonprofit organizations. BD associates have already made individual contributions to many relief organizations for Japan, and the corporate match will encourage further generosity.

BD said all of its employees in Japan are safe. Its manufacturing plant and distribution center in Fukushima, Japan, is temporarily closed while the company assesses damage there. Its Tokyo office wasn't damaged.