#### QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

Form 4

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## FORM 4

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*See* Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and A	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)					
(Last)  C/O QUES' INCORPORE FARMS	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2011					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP & Chief Financial Officer					
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
MADISON							Person				
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Cransaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, any (Month/Day/Year)			Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				5. Amount of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Direct Benefic Owned (D) or Owner Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Transaction(s)		
Common Stock	02/15/2011			Code V A	Amount 28,050 (3)	(D)	Price \$ 0	(Instr. 3 and 4) 138,356	D		
Common Stock	02/15/2011			D	13,002 (4)	D	\$ 56.82	125,354	D		
Common Stock (2)	02/15/2011			A	18,898	A	\$0	144,252 (5)	D		
Common Stock								1,758 <u>(6)</u>	I	SDCP	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 56.82	02/15/2011		A	58,584	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2021	Common Stock	58,584	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HAGEMANN ROBERT C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940

**SVP & Chief Financial Officer** 

## **Signatures**

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Robert Hagemann

02/17/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the first annual anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) Represents an award of restricted share units granted on February 15, 2011.
- Stock issued by Quest Diagnostics Incorporated in settlement of a performance share award dated March 4, 2008, approved in accordance with the requirements of Rule 16b-3(d).
- Disposition of common stock to the issuer solely to cover tax withholding obligations arising from the settlement of said performance share award.

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- (5) The amount includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan.
  - These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustee of the Company's tax qualified Profit Sharing (401(k))
- and/or Supplemental Deferred Compensation Plan. The information was obtained from the plan administrator as of a current date.

  The number of shares is based on the account balance of the Company stock fund under each Plan (which includes some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company stock as of that date.

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