QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

January 31, 2005

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1(b).

| (Print or Type Responses) | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BONGIORNO THOMAS F | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA FARMS | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2012 | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP and Corporate Controller | | | |
| (Street) MADISON, NJ 07940 | 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 Person | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non- | Derivativo | e Secu | rities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|------------|--------|---------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | | sed of | ` ′ | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2012 | | M | 7,078 | A | \$ 56.8744 | 21,248 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2012 | | S | 7,078 | D | \$ 57.5 | 14,170 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 2,998 (2) | I | 401k |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 2,200 | I | By Ira |

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. 5. Number | | 6. Date Exercisable and | | 7. Title and Amount of | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | ransaction of Derivative Expiration | | Expiration Dat | ration Date | | Underlying Securities | |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | Secu | rities | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acqu | uired | | | | (| |
| | Derivative | | | | (A) (| or | | | | | |
| | Security | | | | Disp | osed of | | | | | |
| | | | | | (D) | | | | | | |
| | | | | (Instr. 3, 4, | | | | | | | |
| | | | | and 5) | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| G. 1 | | | | | Ì | ` ´ | | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 56.8744 | 02/21/2012 | | M | | 7,078 | 10/23/2010 | 02/27/2012 | Common Stock | 7,078 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BONGIORNO THOMAS F C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940

VP and Corporate Controller

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Thomas F. Bongiorno

02/22/2012

**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 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 Plan (401(k)). 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 the Plan (which includes some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company stock as of that date.

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