QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BUEHLER WILLIAM F**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

(Check all applicable)

[DGX]

08/10/2012

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA **FARMS**

(Street)

(State)

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, NJ 07940

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock (1)	08/10/2012		M	10,000	A	\$ 55.4	34,250	D	
Common Stock (1)	08/10/2012		S	10,000	D	\$ 59.236 (2)	24,250	D	
Common Stock (1)	08/10/2012		M	20,000	A	\$ 30.455	44,250	D	
Common Stock (1)	08/10/2012		S	20,000	D	\$ 59.3402	24,250	D	

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

1. Title Derivat Security (Instr. 3	ive Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	TransactiorDerivative Code Securities		cisable and Date (Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		3 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right Buy)	ns \$ 55.4	08/10/2012		M	10,000	<u>(4)</u>	05/04/2013	Common Stock	10,000	
Stock Option (Right Buy)	* 411477	08/10/2012		M	20,000	<u>(5)</u>	05/13/2013	Common Stock	20,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BUEHLER WILLIAM F C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940



Signatures

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

08/14/2012

**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) Represents an award of restricted stock units.

Reporting Owners 2

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- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$59.21 to \$59.39. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$59.21 to \$59.54. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (4) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning with the first on May 4, 2007, the second on May 4,2008 and the final on May 4, 2009.
- (5) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning with the first on May 13, 2004, the second on May 13, 2005 and the final on May 13, 2006.

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