

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ZIEGLER JOHN B

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/06/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA FARMS

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/06/2009		M		312 A \$ 34.7188	13,682	D
Common Stock	02/06/2009		M		20,000 A \$ 29.5263	33,682	D
Common Stock	02/06/2009		M		292 A \$ 37.2625	33,974	D
Common Stock	02/06/2009		M		362 A \$ 30.03	34,336	D
	02/06/2009		S		20,966 D	13,370	D

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Common Stock \$ 52.0069
(2)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	\$ 34.7188	02/06/2009		M	312	01/01/2001 01/01/2011	Common Stock 312
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.5263	02/06/2009		M	20,000	(1) 05/08/2011	Common Stock 20,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.2625	02/06/2009		M	292	07/01/2001 07/01/2011	Common Stock 292
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.03	02/06/2009		M	362	10/01/2001 10/01/2011	Common Stock 362

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ZIEGLER JOHN B C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED	X			

3 GIRALDA FARMS
MADISON, NJ 07940

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for John B.
Ziegler

02/10/2009

__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 options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on May 8, 2002 through May 8, 2004.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$52.00 to \$52.05. 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.

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