

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC
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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 *
HAGEMANN ROBERT

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS
 INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA
 FARMS

(Street)

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC
 [DGX]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
09/21/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
SVP & Chief Financial Officer

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

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 or Price		
Common Stock	09/21/2011		M ⁽¹⁾		2,500 A \$ 48.74	D	
Common Stock	09/21/2011		S ⁽¹⁾		2,500 D \$ 49.4973	D	
Common Stock	09/21/2011		M ⁽¹⁾		1,650 A \$ 35.5325	D	
Common Stock	09/21/2011		S ⁽¹⁾		1,650 D \$ 49.5293	D	

(5)

Common Stock 1,767 (7) I SDCP

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.74	09/21/2011		M(1)	2,500	(2) 02/22/2012	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.5325	09/21/2011		M(1)	1,650	(3) 02/27/2012	Common Stock	1,650

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HAGEMANN ROBERT
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3 GIRALDA FARMS
MADISON, NJ 07940

SVP & Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

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

09/23/2011

__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) This exercise and sale reported were effected pursuant to Rule 10b-5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person on February 7, 2011.

(2) The options vested in three annual installments on February 22, 2006, February 22, 2007 and February 22, 2008.

(3) The options vested in three installments on April 17, 2003, February 27, 2004 and February 27, 2005.

(4) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$49.32 to \$49.69. 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.

(5) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$49.41 to \$49.69. 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.

(6) The amount includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan.

(7) These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustee of the Company's Supplemental Deferred Compensation Plan. The information was obtained from the plan administrator as of a recent 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's stock as of that date.

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