

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC  
Form 8-K/A  
August 17, 2011

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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FORM 8-K/A

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CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): August 12, 2011

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Quest Diagnostics Incorporated  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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001-12215  
(Commission File Number)

16-1387862  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Three Giralda Farms  
Madison, NJ 07940  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

07940  
(Zip Code)

(973) 520-2700  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Explanatory Note

This Form 8-K/A is being filed as an amendment (“Amendment No. 1”) to the current report on Form 8-K filed by Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (the “Company”) with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 20, 2011 (the “Original Filing”). The sole purpose of this Amendment No. 1 is to disclose the Company’s decision regarding how frequently it will conduct stockholder advisory votes on executive compensation. No other changes have been made to the Original Filing.

Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

In light of the voting results concerning the frequency with which stockholders will be provided an advisory vote on executive compensation that were delivered at the Company’s 2011 annual meeting of stockholders, the Company’s board of directors has determined that the Company will hold an annual advisory vote on executive compensation until the next vote on the frequency of stockholder votes on executive compensation. The Company is required to hold votes on frequency not less frequently than every six years.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

August 17, 2011

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

By: */s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr.*  
William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr.  
Assistant General Counsel and  
Secretary