QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BRITELL JENNE K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[DGX]

(Last)

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

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

1290 WALL STREET WEST

(Street)

05/04/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

Person

LYNDHURST, NJ 07071

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial (D) or Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

05/04/2006

3,334 \$0 A

D

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)		3 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to	\$ 55.4	05/04/2006		A	10,000	<u>(2)</u>	05/04/2013	Common Stock	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BRITELL JENNE K 1290 WALL STREET WEST LYNDHURST, NJ 07071	X					

Signatures

Leo C. Farrenkopf, Jr., atty-in-fact for Jenne K.
Britell 05/08/2006

**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).
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of this grant.
- (1) These shares are subject to restrictions on transfer and/or certain other terms contained in the underlying stock agreements and related plan documents.

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