

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

Form 4

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 1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
 SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BONGIORNO THOMAS F

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)

1290 WALL STREET WEST

(Street)

LYNDHURST, NJ 07071

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
02/15/2006

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

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

VP&Corporate Controller

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 (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock					1,299 ⁽¹⁾		D
Common Stock					2,850 ⁽²⁾		I 401K
Common Stock					2,200		I By IRA

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 52.235	02/15/2006		A	15,000	02/15/2007 ⁽³⁾ 02/15/2013	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BONGIORNO THOMAS F 1290 WALL STREET WEST LYNDHURST, NJ 07071	VP&Corporate Controller

Signatures

Sirisha
Gummaregula 02/17/2006

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).

On June 20, 2005, the Company effected a 2-for-1 stock split of its Common Stock in the form of a 100% stock dividend. All prior
(1) holdings, including stock options, have been adjusted to reflect the stock split. This amount also includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan since the date of the last filing on Form 4.

These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustee of the Company's tax qualified Profit Sharing (401(k) and/or
(2) 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.

(3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of this grant.

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