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January 30, 2014

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): January 30, 2014

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-12215 16-1387862

(Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Three Giralda Farms

Madison, NJ

(Address of principal executive

offices)

07940

(Zip Code)

(973) 520-2700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 30, 2014 Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (the "Company") issued a press release announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter ended December 31, 2013. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On January 30, 2014, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had increased its quarterly dividend to \$0.33 per share from \$0.30 per share, commencing with the dividend payable April 23, 2014 to holders of record of the Company's common stock on April 8, 2014. This 10% increase raises the annual dividend rate to \$1.32 per share from \$1.20 per share. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

d. Exhibit

Press release of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated dated January 30, 2014, announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter ended December 31, 2013.

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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.

January 30, 2014

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Mark J. Guinan Mark J. Guinan Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer