#### QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

Form 4

February 13, 2009

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad BONGIORN	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)						
~	(First) (M DIAGNOSTICS ATED, 3 GIRAL	3. Date of (Month/Da 02/11/20	ay/Year)	ansaction			Director 10% Owner Selection Other (specify below)  VP and Corporate Controller					
MADISON,	(Street) NJ 07940		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquire							quired, Disposed	ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	Code		ties I (A) of I of (D) 4 and (A) or (D)	))	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)		
Common Stock (1)	02/11/2009			A	3,226	A	\$0	9,839 (2)	D			
Common Stock								2,930 (3)	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 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.2	02/11/2009		A	10,000	<u>(4)</u>	02/11/2019(5)	Common Stock	10,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BONGIORNO THOMAS F C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940

VP and Corporate Controller

Relationships

## **Signatures**

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Thomas F. Bongiorno

02/13/2009

\*\*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) Represents an award of restricted share units granted February 11, 2009.
- (2) The amount 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 Supplemental Deferred Compensation Plan. The information was obtained from the plan administrator as of a current date. The number of shares is based on the account balance of the Company stock fund under each Plan (which includes some money

- The number of shares is based on the account balance of the Company stock fund under each Plan (which includes some mon market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company stock as of that date.
- (4) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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The plan pursuant to which the stock options were granted has been amended, subject to approval of the Issuer's stockholders, to provide for a maximum option term of ten years from the grant date. If stockholders fail to approve the plan amendments at the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders, the term of the options reported on herein will revert to seven years (so that the expiration date will be 2/11/2016) in accordance with the terms of the plan prior to amendment.

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