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QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC Form 4 September 07, 2012 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ZIEGLER JOHN B Issuer Symbol QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC (Check all applicable) [DGX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS 09/06/2012 **INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA** FARMS (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MADISON, NJ 07940 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionor Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial anv (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (\mathbf{I}) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Common $M^{(1)}_{-}$ 09/06/2012 \$ 55.4 27,854 D 10,000 А Stock \$ Common S⁽¹⁾ 62.3192 09/06/2012 10.000 D D 17.854 Stock (2)

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. Transactio 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)		Underlying S	. Title and Amount of Inderlying Securities Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.4	09/06/2012		М	10,000	(3)	05/04/2013	Common Stock	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ZIEGLER JOHN B C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940	Х					
Signatures						
/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact Ziegler	09/0	6/2012				
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	I	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) The exercise and sale reported were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$62.2800 to \$62.4200. The price reported above reflects the(2) weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (3) The options vested in three equal annual installments beginning with the first on May 4, 2007, the second on May 4, 2008 and the final on May 4,2009.

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