

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HAGEMANN ROBERT

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2010

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
SVP & Chief Financial Officer

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA FARMS

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2010		M	3,571 A \$ 24.76	107,245	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2010		S	3,571 D \$ 57.173	103,674 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					1,745	I	SDCP ⁽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. 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)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.76	03/01/2010		M ⁽⁴⁾	3,571	02/13/2006 ⁽³⁾ 02/13/2013	Common Stock 3,571

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HAGEMANN ROBERT C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940			SVP & Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Robert Hagemann 03/03/2010

**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) 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 Supplemental Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) 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 annual anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) The exercise and sale reported were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person on February 3, 2010.

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