Haydon John B. Form 4 February 27, 2013

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Haydon John B.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[DGX]

02/25/2013

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

below)

SVP, Operations

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCOPORATED, 3 GIRALDA **FARMS**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Director

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City) (State)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price (D)

Common Stock (1)

02/25/2013

Code V Amount Α 7,099

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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)

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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. Transactic 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)	\$ 56.12	02/25/2013		A	44,009	(2)	02/25/2023	Common Stock	44,009

SVP, Operations

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Haydon John B.

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCOPORATED
3 GIRALDA FARMS

MADISON, NJ 07940

Signatures

William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for John B.
Haydon

02/27/2013

**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 on February 25, 2013.
- (2) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first annual anniversary of the grant date.

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