QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MOHAPATRA SURYA N			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	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS			(Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2012	below) below) Chairman, President & CEO			

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 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. Securit oror Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or	` ′	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	01/30/2012		S	90,000	D	\$ 58.1724 (3)	200,126	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2012		M(1)	20,556	A	\$ 48.74	220,682	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	20,556	D	\$ 58.3784 (4)	200,126	D	
Common							5,208 (5)	I	401(k)/SDCP

Stock

Common Stock 67,621 (6) I by Trust

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 onDerivative 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)	\$ 48.74	02/01/2012		M(1)	20,556	(2)	02/22/2012	Common Stock	20,556

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MOHAPATRA SURYA N C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940

X

Chairman, President & CEO

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Surya N. Mohapatra

02/01/2012

**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).

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The exercise and sale reported were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person on February 15, 2011.

- (2) The options vested in three annual installments on February 22, 2006, February 22, 2007 and February 22, 2008.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$58.00 to \$58.34. The price reported above reflects the 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$58.25 to \$58.65. The price reported above reflects the 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.
- These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustee of the Company's tax qualified Profit Sharing (401(k)) and Supplemental Deferred Compensation Plans. 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 plans (which include some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company's stock as of that date.
- (6) Shares held in Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts.

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