

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC
Form 8-K
December 08, 2011

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): **December 6, 2011**

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-12215
(Commission File Number)

16-1387862
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Three Giralda Farms
Madison, NJ 07940
(Address of principal executive offices)

07940
(Zip Code)

(973) 520-2700
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction a.2. below):

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(d) On December 6, 2011, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (the Company) increased its size from 8 to 9 directors, and increased the number of directors in the class of directors whose terms expire at the Company's 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders from 2 to 3. Upon the recommendation of the Board's Governance Committee, the Board elected Timothy M. Ring, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of C. R. Bard, Inc. to fill the resulting vacancy.

The Board determined that Mr. Ring is an independent director pursuant to the New York Stock Exchange listing standards and the Company's independence guidelines, as set forth in its corporate governance principles.

The Board has not yet appointed Mr. Ring to any Board Committee.

Mr. Ring will receive compensation as a non-employee director in accordance with the Company's non-employee director compensation practices described in the Company's proxy statement for its annual meeting of stockholders, filed April 5, 2011. As part of that compensation, Mr. Ring received a one-time grant of 2,547 options and 823 restricted stock units upon becoming a member of the Company's Board.

A copy of the Company's press release announcing the election is attached hereto as exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated December 7, 2011.

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

December 8, 2011

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

By: /s/ William J. O Shaughnessy, Jr.

William J. O Shaughnessy, Jr.
Assistant General Counsel and Secretary
