QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MOHAPATRA SURYA N

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX]

(Check all applicable)

Chairman, President & CEO

[DG

(Middle)

(Zip)

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

02/15/2011

X Director _____ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify

C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED, 3 GIRALDA

(Street)

(State)

(First)

FARMS

(City)

Stock (4)
Common

Stock

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

5,166 (6)

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below)

Table I. Non Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of or Peneficially Owned

X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting

MADISON, NJ 07940

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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 on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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	02/15/2011		A	67,469 (2)	A	\$ 0	353,425	D		
Common Stock	02/15/2011		D	31,272 (3)	D	\$ 56.82	322,153	D		
Common	02/16/2011		A	45,457	A	\$ 0	367,972 <u>(5)</u>	D		

401(k)/sdcp

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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)

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)	\$ 57.115	02/16/2011		A	140,917	<u>(1)</u>	02/16/2021	Common Stock	140,917

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

X

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Chairm

Chairman, President & CEO

Signatures

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

02/17/2011

**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 option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the first annual anniversary of the grant date.
- Stock issued by Quest Diagnostics Incorporated in settlement of a performance share award dated March 4, 2008, approved in accordance with the requirements of Rule 16b-3(d).
- Disposition of common stock to the issuer solely to cover tax withholding obligations arising from the settlement of said performance share award.
- (4) Represents an award of restricted shares granted on February 16, 2011.

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The amount includes approximately 362 shares acquired via dividend reinvestment during 2010 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan, sponsored by a broker-dealer, that essentially mirrors a dividend reinvestment plan sponsored by the registrant.

These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustee of the Company's tax qualified Profit Sharing (401(k)) and/or Supplemental Deferred Compensation Plan. The information was obtained from the plan administrator as of a current date. The number of shares is based on the account balance of the Company stock fund under each Plan (which includes some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company stock as of that date.

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