QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC

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FORM 4

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

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 * **BUEHLER WILLIAM F**

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) 05/14/2009

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

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) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City) (State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

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

(Instr. 8)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

Reported Transaction(s)

(A) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Common Stock (1)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

05/14/2009

Α 1,667

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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 out 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)		;
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.55	05/14/2009		A	8,000	(2)	05/14/2019	Common Stock	8,000	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BUEHLER WILLIAM F C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940	X					

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for William F.

Buehler

05/15/2009

**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 stock units.
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the first annual anniversary of the grant date.

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