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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement **OUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX]** Cohen Jon R (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O QUEST (Check all applicable) DIAGNOSTICS, Â 3 GIRALDA **FARMS** 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) SVP and Chief Medical Officer _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person MADISON. NJÂ 07940 Form filed by More than One

(State)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(City)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Reporting Person

Direct (D)

Ownership (Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Common Stock (1) 12,904

(Zip)

Â D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

3. Title and Amount of 4. 6. Nature of Indirect 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 5. Securities Underlying Beneficial (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Conversion Ownership (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualifed Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	05/13/2016	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 51.9	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Cohen Jon R C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940	Â	Â	SVP and Chief Medical Officer	Â	

Signatures

/s/ William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Jon R.
Cohen
12/15/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 May 13, 2009.
- (2) The stock option, which was granted on May 13, 2009, vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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