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(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and MOHAPA	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
		QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX]					(Check all applicable)				
(Last) 3 GIRALD	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2008					X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman, President, and CEO					
	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					
MADISON	I, NJ 07940							Form filed b Person	by More than (One Reporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities A	cquired, Dispose	d of, or Ben	eficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Dee (Month/Day/Year) Execution any (Month/		Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	on(A) or Dia (D)	sposed	l of	Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
6				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	03/04/2008			А	47,850 (1)	А	\$0	159,976	D		
Common Stock								5,050 <u>(2)</u>	Ι	401(k)/SDCP	

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)	ransaction Date 3A. Deemed nth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration Date		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 Option (Right to buy)	\$ 47.49	03/04/2008		А	173,334	(3)	03/04/2015	Common Stock	173,334	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
MOHAPATRA SURYA N 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940	Х		Chairman, President, and CEO					
Signatures								

William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr. atty-in-fact for Surya N. Mohapatra

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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03/06/2008

Date

(1) The restricted share grant vests as follows: 25% on the first anniversary date of the grant (March 4, 2009), 25% on the second anniversary date of the grant (March 4, 2010), and 50% on third anniversary date of the grant (March 4, 2011).

(2) 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's stock as of that date.

(3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the anniversary date of the grant.

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