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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12,904 | D | Â |

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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (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 | 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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