

Cunningham Everett
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Cunningham Everett

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)
 02/25/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, Commercial

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

MADISON, NJ 07940

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/25/2013 | | A | 7,099 A \$ 0 | 20,045 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 33 ⁽³⁾ | I | 401(k) |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 56.12 | 02/25/2013 | | A | 44,009 | ⁽⁴⁾ 02/25/2023 | Common Stock | 44,009 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Cunningham Everett C/O QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED 3 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON, NJ 07940 | | | SVP, Commercial | |

Signatures

William J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr., Attorney in Fact for Everett Cunningham
Date: 02/27/2013

__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 share units granted on February 25, 2013.
- (2) The amount includes exempt purchases made under the Company's stock purchase plan since the date of the last filing on Form 4.
These underlying shares were acquired on a periodic basis by the trustee of the Company's tax qualified Profit Sharing (401(k)) 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 the Plan (which includes some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company's stock as of that date.
- (3) Company stock fund under the Plan (which includes some money market instruments) divided by the market price of the Company's stock as of that date.
- (4) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first annual anniversary of the grant date.

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