

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC
Form 8-K
October 25, 2011

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): **October 25, 2011**

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-12215

(Commission File Number)

16-1387862

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Three Giralda Farms

Madison, NJ

(Address of principal executive offices)

07940

(Zip Code)

(973) 520-2700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 25, 2011, Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (the Company) issued a press release announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter ended September 30, 2011. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On October 25, 2011, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had increased its quarterly dividend to \$0.17 per share from \$0.10 per share, commencing with the dividend payable January 24, 2012 to holders of record of the Company's common stock on January 9, 2012. This 70% increase raises the annual dividend rate to \$0.68 per share from \$0.40 per share. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

d. Exhibit

- 99.1 Press release of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated dated October 25, 2011, announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter ended September 30, 2011.
 - 99.2 Press release of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated dated October 25, 2011, announcing an increase in its quarterly dividend commencing with the dividend payable on January 24, 2012.
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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

October 25, 2011

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Robert A. Hagemann

Robert A. Hagemann
Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer
