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October 21, 2003

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 21, 2003

Commission file number 1-12215

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated
One Malcolm Avenue
Teterboro, NJ 07608
(201) 393-5000

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

16-1387862
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

c. Exhibits

- 99.1 Press release of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated dated October 21, 2003 announcing a quarterly cash dividend and the expansion of the company's share repurchase program.
- 99.2 Press release of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated dated October 21, 2003 announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2003.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 9, "Regulation FD Disclosure." On October 21, 2003, Quest Diagnostics Incorporated issued a press release announcing a quarterly cash dividend and the expansion of the company's share repurchase program. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 9, "Regulation FD Disclosure" and Item 12, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition." On October 21, 2003, Quest Diagnostics Incorporated issued a press release

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announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated by reference herein.

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 21, 2003

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Robert A. Hagemann

Robert A. Hagemann
Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

STATEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

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