

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2008

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

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**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, 2008**

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**Quest Diagnostics Incorporated**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**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)

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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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - 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 21, 2008, Quest Diagnostics Incorporated issued a press release announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter ended September 30, 2008. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 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 21, 2008, announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

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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 21, 2008

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS  
INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Robert A. Hagemann  
Robert A. Hagemann  
Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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