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QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 25, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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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, 2004

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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition." On October 25, 2004, Quest Diagnostics Incorporated issued a press release announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2004. 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

c. Exhibit

99.1 Press release of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated dated October 25, 2004 announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2004.

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, 2004

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

By: /s/Robert A. Hagemann

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Robert A. Hagemann  
Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer