

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC
Form 8-K
November 24, 2008

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): **November 19, 2008**

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 07940
(Address of principal executive offices)

07940
(Zip Code)

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(973) 520-2700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 8.01. Other Events

Effective November 19, 2008, the Board of Directors of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (the Company) expanded the Company's common stock share repurchase authorization by an additional \$150 million.

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.

November 24, 2008

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

By: /s/ William J. O. Shaughnessy, Jr.
William J. O. Shaughnessy, Jr.
Assistant General Counsel and Secretary