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QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC Form 8-K July 24, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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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): July 24, 2006

Commission file number 001-12215

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

1290 Wall Street West

Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

(201) 393-5000

Delaware

(State of Incorporation)

16-1387862

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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Item 2.02.	Results of	Operations a	nd Financial	Condition
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The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition. On July 24, 2006, Quest Diagnostics Incorporated issued a press release announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2006. 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

Press release of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated dated July 24, 2006, announcing, among other things, its results for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2006.

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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.

July 24, 2006

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Robert A. Hagemann Robert A. Hagemann

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer