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## Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 16, 2017**

**Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

**WHEN AND WHERE IS THE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING?**

The 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated will be held at our corporate headquarters at Three Giralda Farms, Madison, New Jersey 07940, on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. If you need directions to the Annual Meeting, please call 1-973-520-2900.

**WHAT IS BEING VOTED ON AT THE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING?**

- the election of nine directors;
- an advisory resolution to approve the executive officer compensation disclosed in the Company's 2017 proxy statement;
- an advisory vote to recommend the frequency of the stockholder advisory vote to approve executive officer compensation;
- ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm for 2017;
- approval of amendments to the Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors; and
- such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

**WHAT DOES THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMEND?**

The Quest Diagnostics Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the election of nine directors, FOR the advisory resolution to approve the executive officer compensation disclosed in the Company's 2017 proxy statement, 1 YEAR on the advisory vote to recommend the frequency of the stockholder advisory vote to approve executive officer compensation, FOR ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm for 2017, and FOR approval of amendments to the Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

**HOW CAN I GET A COMPLETE SET OF PROXY MATERIALS?**

**This is not a proxy card. If you wish to submit your proxy on a traditional proxy card, you must request a paper copy of the proxy materials by following the instructions below.**

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

The following documents are available at: [www.ViewMaterial.com/DGX](http://www.ViewMaterial.com/DGX)

- 2017 Proxy Statement
- 2016 Annual Report

**If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before May 5, 2017, to facilitate timely delivery.**

You may request a paper or email copy of the proxy materials by following the instructions below. You will be asked to provide the 11-digit control number (located by the arrow in the box below).

1. Call the toll-free telephone number 1-800-516-1564 and follow the instructions provided, or
2. Access the website, [www.SendMaterial.com](http://www.SendMaterial.com) and follow the instructions provided, or
3. Send an e-mail to [papercopy@SendMaterial.com](mailto:papercopy@SendMaterial.com) with your control number in the Subject line. Unless you instruct otherwise, we will reply to your email with links to the proxy materials in PDF format for this meeting only.



To vote your Quest Diagnostics Incorporated shares, you can attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders and vote in person or you can:

1. Go to [www.ViewMaterial.com/DGX](http://www.ViewMaterial.com/DGX)
2. Click on the icon to submit a proxy for your shares.
3. Enter the 11 digit control number (located by the arrow in the box above).
4. Follow the simple instructions to record your voting instructions.

You are able to submit a proxy online until 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on May 15, 2017.