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**Subject to Completion
Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated March 21, 2011**

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To prospectus dated February 7, 2011)

\$1,250,000,000

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

% Senior Notes due

% Senior Notes due

% Senior Notes due

Floating Rate Senior Notes due

The notes due _____ will mature on _____, _____. The notes due _____ will mature on _____, _____. The notes due _____ will mature on _____, _____. We will pay interest on the notes due _____, the notes due _____ and the notes due _____ on _____ and _____ of each year, beginning _____, 2011. We may redeem some or all of the notes due _____, the notes due _____ and the notes due _____ at any time at the applicable redemption prices described in this prospectus supplement.

The floating rate senior notes due _____ will mature on _____, _____. We will pay interest on the floating rate senior notes due _____ on _____, _____ and _____ of each year, beginning _____, 2011. Interest on the floating rate senior notes due _____ will accrue from _____, 2011. The floating rate senior notes due _____ will bear interest at a per annum rate equal to three-month LIBOR (as defined herein) plus _____. The floating rate senior notes due _____ will not be redeemable prior to maturity except as described in this prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise specified, we refer to the notes due _____, the notes due _____, the notes due _____ and the floating rate senior notes due _____ collectively as the _____ notes.

The notes will be senior unsecured obligations of ours and will rank equally with our other existing and future senior unsecured obligations. The notes will be guaranteed by certain of our domestic wholly owned subsidiaries. Each guarantee will be a senior unsecured obligation of the subsidiary guarantor issuing such guarantee and will rank equally with other existing and future senior unsecured obligations of such subsidiary guarantor. The notes will be issued only in registered form in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Investing in the notes involves risks that are described in the Risk Factors section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus

supplement, and in the **Risk Factors** section beginning on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement.

| | Per Note due | Total | Per Note due | Total | Per Note due | Total | Per Floating Rate Note due |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|---|
| Public offering price ⁽¹⁾ | % | \$ | % | \$ | % | \$ | % |
| Underwriting discount | % | \$ | % | \$ | % | \$ | % |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to us | % | \$ | % | \$ | % | \$ | % |

(1) Plus accrued interest from , 2011, if settlement occurs after that date.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The notes will be ready for delivery in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company for the accounts of its participants, including Eurodollar Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, on or about , 2011.

Joint Book-Running Managers

**Morgan Stanley
Securities**

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

RBS

J.P. Morgan

Wells Fargo

The date of this prospectus supplement is , 2011.

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Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized anyone to provide you with any information or to make any representation not contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or included in any free writing prospectus that we may file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) in connection with this offering. Neither we nor the underwriters take any responsibility for, or can provide any assurances as to, the reliability of any information that others may provide you. Neither we nor the underwriters are making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, cash flows, results of operations and prospects may have changed since these dates.

References to we, us, our, Quest Diagnostics and our company are to Quest Diagnostics Incorporated and its consolidated subsidiaries unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires.

SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should carefully read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in their entirety, including the documents incorporated by reference.

Our Company

We are the world's leading provider of diagnostic testing, information and services, providing insights that enable patients, physicians and others to make better healthcare decisions. We offer U.S. patients and physicians the broadest access to diagnostic testing services through our nationwide network of laboratories and company-owned patient service centers. We provide interpretive consultation through the largest medical and scientific staff in the industry, with approximately 900 M.D.s and Ph.D.s, primarily located in the United States. We are the leading provider of clinical testing, including gene-based and esoteric testing, anatomic pathology services and testing for drugs-of-abuse, and the leading provider of risk assessment services for the life insurance industry. We also are a leading provider of testing for clinical trials. Our diagnostics products business manufactures and markets FDA cleared or approved diagnostic test kits and specialized point-of-care testing. We empower healthcare organizations and clinicians with robust information technology solutions.

During 2010, we generated net revenues of \$7.4 billion and processed approximately 146 million requisitions for testing.

Our principal executive offices are located at Three Giralda Farms, Madison, New Jersey 07940, telephone number: (973) 520-2700.

Recent Developments

On February 24, 2011, we announced that we had signed a definitive agreement to acquire Athena Diagnostics, Inc., or Athena Diagnostics, an esoteric laboratory specializing in genetic testing for neurological disorders, from Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. for \$740 million in cash. The transaction is expected to be completed early in the second quarter of 2011 following the satisfaction of customary conditions. We expect to use a portion of the net proceeds from this offering to fund the purchase price and related transaction costs of this acquisition. See Use of Proceeds.

On March 18, 2011, we announced that we had entered into a definitive merger agreement under which we expect to acquire Celera Corporation, or Celera, for \$8 per share of common stock, representing a transaction value of approximately \$344 million, net of \$327 million in acquired cash and short-term investments. The transaction value is expected to be further reduced through the realization of a significant portion of Celera's available tax credit and net operating loss carryforwards and capitalized R&D, which totaled \$117 million at the end of 2010. Celera is a healthcare business focusing on the integration of genetic testing into routine clinical care through a combination of products and services incorporating proprietary discoveries.

Under the terms of the definitive merger agreement, we, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, will promptly commence a cash tender offer to purchase all the outstanding shares of common stock of Celera for \$8 per share in cash. The tender offer is expected to be followed by a merger, in which all the shares of Celera common stock that have not been tendered into the tender offer will be converted into the right to receive \$8 per share in cash. The completion of the tender offer is subject to the satisfaction of customary conditions, including that a majority of the outstanding shares of Celera common stock (calculated on a fully-diluted basis) are tendered into the tender offer. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions.

The Offering

The following is a brief summary of some of the terms of this offering. For a more complete description of the terms of the notes, see *Description of Notes* in this prospectus supplement and *Description of Senior Debt Securities and Guarantees of Senior Debt Securities* in the accompanying prospectus.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Issuer | Quest Diagnostics Incorporated. |
| Notes Offered | <p>\$ aggregate principal amount of % senior notes due .</p> <p>\$ aggregate principal amount of % senior notes due .</p> <p>\$ aggregate principal amount of % senior notes due .</p> <p>\$ aggregate principal amount of floating rate senior notes due .</p> |
| Maturities | <p>% senior notes due : ,</p> <p>% senior notes due : ,</p> <p>% senior notes due : ,</p> <p>Floating rate senior notes due : ,</p> |
| Interest and Payment Dates | <p>% senior notes due , % senior notes due and % senior notes due : and , beginning , 2011.</p> <p>Floating rate senior notes due : floating rate equal to the three-month LIBOR plus % per annum, reset quarterly, payable on , , and , beginning , 2011.</p> |
| Guarantees | The notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by certain of our domestic wholly owned subsidiaries. |
| Ranking | The notes will be senior unsecured obligations of ours and will rank equally with our other existing and future senior unsecured obligations. Each guarantee will be a senior unsecured obligation of the subsidiary guarantor issuing such guarantee and will rank equally with other existing and future senior unsecured obligations of such subsidiary guarantor. The notes and the guarantees will be structurally subordinated to all liabilities of our subsidiaries that are not guarantors. The notes and the guarantees will also effectively be subordinated to any existing and future secured obligations of ours or our subsidiary guarantors as to the assets securing such obligations. |

As of December 31, 2010, after giving effect to this offering and the anticipated use of the net proceeds therefrom (as if all of the foregoing had occurred on that date):

we and our subsidiary guarantors would have had total debt outstanding of \$4.2 billion, of which \$31 million is secured; and

our subsidiaries that are not guarantors would have had debt outstanding of \$16 million, none of which was incurred under our secured receivables credit facility.

For more information, see Recent Developments, Description of Notes, Use of Proceeds and Capitalization.

**Optional
Redemption**

At any time prior to their maturity, in the case of the % senior notes due , the % senior notes due and the % senior notes due , we may redeem the notes of the applicable series as a whole at any time or in part from time to time, at our option, at the redemption prices described in this prospectus supplement.

For a more detailed description, see Description of Notes Optional Redemption.

**Special
Mandatory
Redemption**

In the event that Quest Diagnostics has failed to consummate the acquisition of Athena Diagnostics on or prior to October 31, 2011, or the related Stock Purchase and Sale Agreement is terminated at any time prior thereto, Quest Diagnostics must redeem the Notes due and the Floating Rate Notes at a redemption price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes due and the Floating Rate Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest from the date of initial issuance to but excluding the special mandatory redemption date.

For a more detailed description, see Description of Notes Special Mandatory Redemption.

**Repurchase
Upon a Change
of Control**

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined in this prospectus supplement), we will be required to make an offer to purchase the notes at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of repurchase. See Description of Notes Change of Control.

Covenants The indenture governing the notes will contain covenants that, among other things, will limit our ability and/or the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to:

create certain liens;

enter into certain sale and leaseback transactions;

consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of our assets; and

incur indebtedness of non-guarantor subsidiaries.

These covenants are subject to important exceptions and qualifications, which are described in this prospectus supplement. For a more detailed description, see [Description of Notes](#).

Use of Proceeds We estimate that the net proceeds from this offering of notes after deducting underwriting discounts but before deducting other expenses of the offering will be approximately \$1.24 billion. We intend to use \$750 million of the net proceeds to fund the purchase price and related transaction costs of our acquisition of Athena Diagnostics and \$490 million of the net proceeds, together with \$85 million of cash on hand, to repay outstanding indebtedness under our senior unsecured revolving credit facility and our secured receivables credit facility. See [Use of Proceeds](#).

Risk Factors See [Risk Factors](#) and the other information in this prospectus supplement and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in the notes.

Summary Financial Data

The following table presents summary historical financial data at the dates and for each of the years presented. We derived the summary historical operations and other data for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 and the summary historical balance sheet data at December 31, 2010 and 2009 from our audited consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference herein. We derived the summary historical balance sheet data at December 31, 2008 from our audited consolidated financial statements not incorporated by reference herein.

The summary historical financial data presented below is only a summary and should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and related notes and management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
| | (in thousands) | | |
| Operations Data: | | | |
| Net revenues | \$ 7,368,925 | \$ 7,455,243 | \$ 7,249,447 |
| Operating income | 1,295,535 (a) | 1,359,111 (b) | 1,222,376 (c) |
| Income from continuing operations | 758,804 (d) | 767,458 (e) | 663,889 (f)(g) |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes | (1,787) | (1,236) | (50,694)(h) |
| Net income | 757,017 | 766,222 | 613,195 |
| Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | 36,123 | 37,111 | 31,705 |
| Net income attributable to Quest Diagnostics | 720,894 | 729,111 | 581,490 |
| Amounts attributable to Quest Diagnostics stockholders: | | | |
| Income from continuing operations | 722,681 | 730,347 | 632,184 |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes | (1,787) | (1,236) | (50,694) |
| Net income | 720,894 | 729,111 | 581,490 |
| Balance Sheet Data | | | |
| (at end of year): | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 449,301 | \$ 534,256 | \$ 253,946 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 845,299 | 827,343 | 832,873 |
| Goodwill | 5,101,938 | 5,083,944 | 5,054,926 |
| Total assets | 8,527,630 | 8,563,643 | 8,403,830 |

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|---|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Long-term debt | 2,641,160 | 2,936,792 | 3,078,089 |
| Total debt | 2,990,156 | 3,107,299 | 3,083,231 |
| Total Quest Diagnostics stockholders equity | 4,033,480 | 3,989,639 | 3,604,896 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 20,645 | 21,825 | 20,238 |
| Total stockholders equity | 4,054,125 | 4,011,464 | 3,625,134 |
| Other Data: | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 1,118,047 | \$ 997,418 ⁽ⁱ⁾ | \$ 1,063,049 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (216,510) | (195,904) | (198,883) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (986,492) | (521,204) | (777,814) |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 291,737 | 320,974 | 326,228 |
| Rent expense | 195,573 | 188,813 | 190,706 |
| Capital expenditures | 205,400 | 166,928 | 212,681 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 253,964 | 256,687 | 264,593 |

(a) Operating income includes \$27.0 million of costs principally associated with workforce reductions and \$9.6 million of costs associated with the settlement of employee litigation.

- (b) Operating income includes a \$15.5 million gain associated with an insurance settlement for storm-related losses.
- (c) Operating income includes \$16.2 million of costs, primarily associated with workforce reductions.
- (d) Includes income tax benefits of \$22.1 million, primarily associated with favorable resolutions of certain tax contingencies.
- (e) Includes \$20.4 million of pre-tax charges related to the early extinguishment of debt, primarily related to the June 2009 and November 2009 debt tender offers (see Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report

on Form 10-K
for the year
ended
December 31,
2010) and a
\$7.0 million
pre-tax charge
related to the
write-off of an
investment.

Also includes
\$7.0 million of
income tax
benefits,
primarily
associated with
certain discrete
tax benefits.

- (f) Includes an
\$8.9 million
pre-tax charge
associated with
the write-down
of an equity
investment.
- (g) Includes
income tax
benefits of
\$16.5 million,
primarily
associated with
favorable
resolutions of
certain tax
contingencies.
- (h) Includes pre-tax
charges of \$75
million related
to the
government
investigation of
NID. See Note
16 to the
Consolidated
Financial
Statements
included in our
Annual Report

on Form 10-K
for the year
ended
December 31,
2010.

- (i) Includes payments primarily made in the second quarter of 2009 totaling \$314 million in connection with the NID settlement (see Note 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010), or \$208 million net of an associated reduction in estimated tax payments.

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RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the risks described below and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, before making a decision to invest in our notes. The risks and uncertainties described below and in the documents incorporated by reference are not the only ones facing our company. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also materially adversely affect our business and operations.

If any of the matters included in the following risks were to occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or prospects could be materially adversely affected. In such case, you may lose all or part of your original investment.

Our outstanding debt may impair our financial and operating flexibility.

As of December 31, 2010, after giving effect to this offering and the anticipated use of the net proceeds therefrom (as if all of the foregoing had occurred on that date), we would have had approximately \$4.2 billion of debt outstanding, with \$750 million of available capacity under our senior unsecured revolving credit facility and \$525 million of available capacity under our secured receivables credit facility which matures on December 9, 2011. We expect to use cash on hand and borrowings under our senior unsecured revolving credit facility and/or our secured receivables credit facility to fund the purchase price and related transaction costs of our acquisition of Celera. See Note 15 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 for further details related to our off-balance sheet financing arrangements in place or available. See Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 for further details related to our outstanding debt. See Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 for further details related to our use of derivative financial instruments to manage our exposure to market risks for changes in interest rates and foreign currency. Our debt agreements contain various restrictive covenants. These restrictions could limit our ability to use operating cash flow in other areas of our business because we must use a portion of these funds to make principal and interest payments on our debt.

Our debt portfolio is sensitive to changes in interest rates. As of December 31, 2010, after giving effect to this offering and the anticipated use of the net proceeds therefrom (as if all the foregoing had occurred on that date), we would have had approximately \$742 million of floating rate debt (assuming that all of the notes offered hereby will have fixed interest rates). In addition, we have entered into various fixed-to-variable interest rate swap agreements that effectively convert a portion of our fixed rate debt to variable-interest rate debt. At December 31, 2010, these interest rate swap agreements, which expire in January 2020, had a notional amount totaling \$350 million. Any future borrowings by us under our senior unsecured revolving credit facility, the secured receivables credit facility or the issuance of other floating rate debt will expose us to additional interest rate risk. Interest on our secured receivables credit facility is based on rates that are intended to approximate commercial paper rates for highly-rated issuers. Interest rates on our senior unsecured revolving credit facility and term loan are also subject to a pricing schedule that fluctuates based on changes in our credit rating.

We have obtained ratings on our debt from Standard & Poor's Rating Services, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Fitch Ratings. There can be no assurance that any rating so assigned will remain for any given period of time or that a rating will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by a rating agency if in that rating agency's judgment future circumstances relating to the basis of the rating, such as adverse changes in our company or our industry, so warrant. If such ratings are lowered, the borrowing costs on our senior unsecured revolving credit facility, secured receivables credit facility and term loan could increase. Changes in our credit ratings, however, do not require repayment or acceleration of any of our debt.

We or our subsidiaries may incur additional indebtedness in the future. The notes offered hereby do not limit our or our subsidiary guarantors' ability to incur unsecured indebtedness. Our ability to make principal and interest payments will depend on our ability to generate cash in the

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future. If we incur additional debt, a greater portion of our cash flows may be needed to satisfy our debt service obligations and if we do not generate sufficient cash to meet our debt service requirements, we may need to seek additional financing. In that case, it may be more difficult, or we may be unable, to obtain financing on terms that are acceptable to us. As a result, we would be more vulnerable to general adverse economic, industry and capital markets conditions as well as the other risks associated with indebtedness.

Federal and state laws permit a court to void a guarantee issued by any of our subsidiaries if the court finds the guarantee to constitute a fraudulent conveyance.

Our obligations under the notes are guaranteed by our subsidiaries to the extent described in this prospectus supplement. These guarantees are subject to various federal and state fraudulent conveyance laws enacted for the protection of creditors.

The issuance of a guarantee by any of our subsidiaries will constitute a fraudulent conveyance if:

the guarantee
was incurred
by the
subsidiary
with the
intent to
hinder, delay
or defraud
any present or
future
creditor; or

the subsidiary
did not
receive fair
consideration
for issuing the
guarantee and
such
subsidiary (1)
was insolvent
or rendered
insolvent by
reason of the
issuance of
the guarantee,
(2) was
engaged or
about to
engage in a
business or
transaction
for which the
remaining
assets of the

subsidiary
constituted
unreasonably
small capital
to carry on its
business or
(3) intended
to incur debts
beyond its
ability to pay
such debts as
they matured.

Generally, an entity will be considered insolvent if:

the sum
of its
debts is
greater
than the
fair value
of its
property;

the
present
fair value
of its
assets is
less than
the
amount
that it
will be
required
to pay on
its
existing
debts as
they
become
due; or

it cannot
pay its
debts as
they
become
due.

If a court finds a guarantee issued by a subsidiary of ours to constitute a fraudulent conveyance, the court could give a lower priority to, or subordinate, the claims of the notes against this subsidiary to the claims of other creditors of this

subsidiary. In addition, a court could void all or part of the guarantee. To the extent the guarantee issued by a subsidiary of ours was voided as a fraudulent conveyance, the holders of our notes guaranteed by our subsidiary guarantors would cease to have any claim against the subsidiary and would be creditors solely of Quest Diagnostics and any other subsidiary guarantor that was not found to have made a fraudulent conveyance. Furthermore, a court may be more likely to find that guarantees issued by subsidiaries after the date the notes are issued constitute a fraudulent conveyance. See Description of Notes Guarantees.

Secured indebtedness and existing and future obligations of our subsidiaries that are not guarantors, including the issuance of preferred stock, will be effectively senior to the notes.

The notes and the guarantees are senior unsecured obligations and therefore will be effectively subordinated to any of our or our subsidiary guarantors' secured obligations to the extent of the value of the assets securing such obligations. The indenture does not limit the amount of indebtedness that we and any of our subsidiary guarantors can incur, but does limit the amount of indebtedness our non-guarantor subsidiaries are permitted to incur (as described below). In addition, the indenture limits the amount of secured indebtedness pursuant to the covenant described under the heading Description of Notes Limitation on Liens. This covenant is subject to important exceptions described under such heading. As of December 31, 2010, after giving effect to this offering and the anticipated use of the net proceeds therefrom (as if all of the foregoing had occurred on that date), we and our subsidiary guarantors would have had outstanding \$31 million of secured debt.

We conduct our operations through subsidiaries, which generate a substantial portion of our operating income and cash flow. As a result, distributions or advances from our subsidiaries are a major source of funds necessary to meet our debt service and other obligations. Contractual

provisions, laws or regulations, as well as any subsidiary's condition and operating requirements, may limit our ability to obtain cash required to pay our debt service and other obligations. The notes will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future obligations of our non-guarantor subsidiaries, including claims with respect to trade payables. In addition, the guarantees of our subsidiary guarantors will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future obligations of any non-guarantor subsidiary of Quest Diagnostics or a subsidiary guarantor, including claims with respect to trade payables. This means that holders of our notes as guaranteed by our subsidiary guarantors will have a junior position with respect to such obligations of our direct and indirect subsidiaries that are not subsidiary guarantors on the assets and earnings of such subsidiaries. As of December 31, 2010, after giving effect to this offering and the anticipated use of the net proceeds therefrom (as if all of the foregoing had occurred on that date), our subsidiaries that are not guarantors would have had debt outstanding of \$16 million, none of which was incurred under our secured receivables credit facility.

Our non-guarantor subsidiaries are limited in the amount of indebtedness they are permitted to incur pursuant to the covenant described under Description of Notes Limitation on Subsidiary Indebtedness and Preferred Stock. This covenant is subject to important exceptions described under such heading. In addition, the guarantees of our subsidiary guarantors may be released in certain circumstances, which are described under the heading Description of Notes Guarantees or may be avoided or subordinated in favor of the subsidiary guarantors' other creditors as described in this prospectus supplement under the heading Federal and state laws permit a court to void a guarantee issued by any of our subsidiaries if the court finds the guarantee to constitute a fraudulent conveyance.

**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE SAFE HARBOR
PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995**

Some statements and disclosures in this prospectus supplement, or the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated herein or therein by reference are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include all statements that do not relate solely to historical or current facts and can be identified by the use of words such as may, believe, will, expect, project, estimate, anticipate, plan or continue. These forward-looking statements are based on our current plans and expectations and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could significantly cause our plans and expectations, including actual results, to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, or the Litigation Reform Act, provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their companies without fear of litigation.

We would like to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Litigation Reform Act in connection with the forward-looking statements included, or incorporated by reference, in this document. Investors are cautioned not to unduly rely on such forward-looking statements when evaluating the information presented, or incorporated by reference, in this document. The following important factors could cause our actual financial results to differ materially from those projected, forecasted or estimated by us in forward-looking statements:

- (a) Heightened competition from commercial clinical testing companies, and from hospitals with respect to testing for non-patients and from physicians.
- (b) Increased pricing pressure from customers and payers.
- (c) A continued weakness in economic conditions.
- (d) Impact of changes in payer mix, including any shift from fee-for-service to discounted

or capitated fee arrangements.

- (e) Adverse actions by government or other third-party payers, including healthcare reform that focuses on reducing healthcare costs but does not recognize the value and importance to healthcare of diagnostic testing, unilateral reduction of fee schedules payable to us, competitive bidding, and an increase in the practice of negotiating for exclusive arrangements that involve aggressively priced capitated or fee-for-service payments by health insurers or other payers.

- (f) The impact upon our testing volume and collected revenue or general or administrative expenses

resulting from our compliance with Medicare and Medicaid administrative policies and requirements of third party payers. These include:

- (1) the requirements of Medicare carriers to provide diagnosis codes for many commonly ordered tests (and the transition to a new coding set) and the possibility that third party payers will increasingly adopt similar requirements;
- (2) continued inconsistent practices among the different local carriers administering Medicare;
- (3) inability to obtain from patients a valid advance beneficiary notice form for tests that cannot be billed without prior receipt of the form;

- (4) increased challenges in operating as a non-contracted provider with respect to health plans;
- (5) the impact of additional or expanded limited coverage policies and limits on the allowable number of test units;
- (6) the impact of increased prior authorization programs for clinical testing; and
- (7) new rules regarding laboratory requisitions.
- (g) Adverse results from pending or future government investigations, lawsuits or private actions. These include, in particular, monetary damages, loss or suspension of licenses, and/or suspension or exclusion from the Medicare and Medicaid

programs
and/or criminal
penalties.

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- (h) Failure to efficiently integrate acquired businesses and to manage the costs related to any such integration, or to retain key technical, professional or management personnel.
- (i) Denial, suspension or revocation of certification under CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988) or other licenses for any of our clinical laboratories under the CLIA standards, revocation or suspension of the right to bill the Medicare and Medicaid programs or other adverse regulatory actions by federal, state and local agencies.
- (j) Changes in federal, state or local laws or regulations, including changes that result in new or increased federal or state regulation of commercial clinical laboratories or tests developed by commercial clinical laboratories, including regulation of laboratory services by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the

FDA).

- (k) Inability to achieve expected benefits from our acquisitions of other businesses.
- (l) Inability to achieve additional benefits from our Six Sigma and efficiency initiatives.
- (m) Adverse publicity and news coverage about the clinical testing industry or us.
- (n) Computer or other IT system failures that affect our ability to perform tests, report test results or properly bill customers, including potential failures resulting from the standardization of our IT systems and other system conversions, telecommunications failures, malicious human acts (such as electronic break-ins or computer viruses) or natural disasters.
- (o) Development of technologies that substantially alter the practice of clinical test medicine, including technology changes that lead to the development of more cost-effective

tests such as (1) point-of-care tests that can be performed by physicians in their offices, (2) esoteric tests that can be performed by hospitals in their own laboratories or (3) home testing that can be carried out without requiring the services of clinical laboratories.

- (p) Negative developments regarding intellectual property and other property rights that could prevent, limit or interfere with our ability to develop, perform or sell our tests or operate our business. These include:
 - (1) Issuance of patents or other property rights to our competitors or others; and
 - (2) Inability to obtain or maintain adequate patent or other proprietary rights for our products and services or to successfully

enforce our
proprietary
rights.

- (q) Development of tests by our competitors or others which we may not be able to license, or usage of our technology or similar technologies or our trade secrets by competitors, any of which could negatively affect our competitive position.
- (r) Regulatory delay or inability to commercialize newly developed or licensed products, tests or technologies or to obtain appropriate reimbursements for such tests.
- (s) Impact of any national healthcare information network or the adoption of standards for health information technology interoperability that are incompatible with existing software and

hardware
infrastructure
requiring
widespread
replacement of
systems and/or
software.

- (t) Inability to promptly or properly bill for our services or to obtain appropriate payments for services that we do bill.
- (u) Changes in interest rates and changes in our credit ratings from Standard & Poor's Rating Services, Moody's Investor Services or Fitch Ratings causing an unfavorable impact on our cost of and access to capital.
- (v) Inability to hire and retain qualified personnel or the loss of the services of one or more of our key senior management personnel.
- (w) Terrorist and other criminal activities,

hurricanes,
earthquakes or
other natural
disasters, and
health
pandemics,
which could
affect our
customers,
transportation or
systems, or our
facilities, and
for which
insurance may
not adequately
reimburse us.

- (x) Difficulties and uncertainties in the discovery, development, regulatory environment and/or marketing of new products or new uses of existing products.

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- (y) Failure to comply with the requirements of our Corporate Integrity Agreement that could subject us to suspension or termination from participation in federal healthcare programs and substantial monetary penalties.

- (z) Failure to adapt to changes in the healthcare system and healthcare delivery stemming from the 2010 federal healthcare reform legislation.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

Set forth below is information concerning our historical ratio of earnings to fixed charges. This ratio shows the extent to which our business generates enough earnings after the payment of all expenses other than interest to make required interest payments on our debt.

For this purpose, earnings consist of pretax income from continuing operations plus fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expense and one-third of rental expense, representing that portion of rental expense we deemed representative of an appropriate interest factor.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges | 6.6x | 6.8x | 5.2x | 4.9x | 8.2x |

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds from this offering of notes, after deducting underwriting discounts but before deducting other expenses of the offering, will be approximately \$1.24 billion.

We intend to use \$750 million of the net proceeds to fund the purchase price and related transaction costs of our acquisition of Athena Diagnostics and \$490 million of the net proceeds, together with \$85 million of cash on hand, to repay outstanding indebtedness under our senior unsecured revolving credit facility and our secured receivables credit facility.

As of February 28, 2011, we had \$500 million of indebtedness outstanding under our secured receivables credit facility, which matures in December 2011, with an interest rate of 1.16% as of February 28, 2011, and \$75 million of indebtedness outstanding under our senior unsecured revolving credit facility, which matures in May 2012, with a weighted average interest rate of 0.58% as of February 28, 2011. We used borrowings of \$75 million under our senior unsecured revolving credit facility and \$500 million under our secured receivables credit facility to finance a portion of the purchase price of \$835 million for our repurchase on February 4, 2011 of 15.4 million shares of our common stock from SB Holdings Capital Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of GlaxoSmithKline plc (GSK).

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents, debt and total capitalization at December 31, 2010 on an actual basis and as adjusted to reflect the application of net proceeds of this offering as described under "Use of Proceeds" in this prospectus supplement.

The following table should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and related notes and management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

| | December 31, 2010 | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Actual | As Adjusted |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 449,301 | \$ 105,814 ^(a) |
| Debt (including current maturities): | | |
| Senior notes due 2011 | \$ 159,234 | 159,234 |
| Term loan due 2012 | 742,000 | 742,000 |
| Senior notes due 2015 | 499,227 | 499,227 |
| Senior notes due 2017 | 374,480 | 374,480 |
| Senior notes due 2020 | 503,770 | 503,770 |
| Senior notes due 2037 | 420,840 | 420,840 |
| Senior notes due 2040 | 243,422 | 243,422 |
| Senior notes offered hereby | | 1,250,000 ^(b) |
| Other | 47,183 | 47,183 |
| Total debt | 2,990,156 | 4,240,156 |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Quest Diagnostics stockholders' equity | 4,033,480 | 3,188,480 ^(c) |
| Noncontrolling interests | 20,645 | 20,645 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 4,054,125 | 3,209,125 |
| Total capitalization | \$ 7,044,281 | \$ 7,449,281 |

(a) Reflects the following transactions:
(i) the

repurchase, on February 4, 2011, of 15.4 million shares of our common stock from SB Holding Capital Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of GSK, for \$835 million, which was funded with \$260 million of cash on hand, \$500 million of borrowings under our secured receivables credit facility and \$75 million of borrowings under our unsecured revolving credit facility; and (ii) the net proceeds from this offering of senior notes of approximately \$1.24 billion, of which (1) \$750 million will be used to fund the purchase price and related transaction costs of our cash acquisition of Athena Diagnostics, and (2) the remaining

\$490 million of such net proceeds, together with \$85 million of cash on hand, will be used to fund the repayment of \$500 million of borrowings under our secured receivables credit facility and \$75 million of borrowings under our unsecured revolving credit facility.

(b) Consists of \$ million of % senior notes due , \$ million of % senior notes due , \$ million of % senior notes due and \$ million of floating rate senior notes due .

(c) Reflects the repurchase of 15.4 million shares of our common stock from GSK, and the cash payment of estimated transaction costs related to our acquisition of Athena

Diagnostics.

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DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

Each of the % senior notes due (the Notes due), the % senior notes due (the Notes due), the % senior notes due (the Notes due) and the floating rate senior notes due (the Floating Rate Notes and together with the Notes due , the Notes due and the Notes due , the Notes) is a separate issue of debt securities. The Notes will be issued under an indenture dated as of June 27, 2001 as supplemented by a supplemental indenture, dated as of June 27, 2001, each among Quest Diagnostics, as issuer, the Initial Subsidiary Guarantors, as guarantors, and The Bank of New York Mellon (formerly, The Bank of New York), as trustee, as further supplemented by a second supplemental indenture, dated as of November 26, 2001, among Quest Diagnostics, the Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by a third supplemental indenture, dated as of April 4, 2002, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by a fourth supplemental indenture, dated as of March 19, 2003, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by a fifth supplemental indenture, dated as of April 16, 2004, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantor and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by a sixth supplemental indenture, dated October 31, 2005, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by a seventh supplemental indenture, dated November 21, 2005, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by an eighth supplemental indenture, dated July 31, 2006, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by the ninth supplemental indenture, dated September 30, 2006, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by the tenth supplemental indenture, dated June 22, 2007, among Quest Diagnostics, the Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by the eleventh supplemental indenture, dated June 22, 2007, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by the twelfth supplemental indenture, dated June 25, 2007, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors (as defined therein) and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by the thirteenth supplemental indenture, dated November 17, 2009, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors (as defined therein) and The Bank of New York, and as to be amended by the fourteenth supplemental indenture to be dated as of the closing date of this offering (collectively, the Indenture). The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. A copy of the Indenture is available for inspection at the office of the trustee.

Whenever we refer in this Description of Notes to terms defined in the Indenture below, such defined terms are incorporated herein by reference. As used in this Description of Notes, the terms we, our, us and Quest Diagnostics do not include any current or future subsidiary of Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, unless the context indicates otherwise.

General

The Notes due will be initially limited to \$ aggregate principal amount and will mature and become due and payable, together with any accrued and unpaid interest thereon, on , . The Notes due will be initially limited to \$ aggregate principal amount and will mature and become due and payable, together with any accrued and unpaid interest thereon, on , . The Notes due will be initially limited to \$ aggregate principal amount and will mature and become due and payable, together with any accrued and unpaid interest thereon, on , . The Floating Rate Notes will be initially limited to \$ aggregate principal amount and will mature and become due and payable, together with any accrued and unpaid interest thereon, on , .

Quest Diagnostics may from time to time, without the consent of the holders of the Notes, issue additional Notes of any series having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the Notes of the applicable series. Any additional Notes and the Notes of such series

will generally constitute a single series under the Indenture. This type of offering is often referred to as a re-opening. Additional Notes may constitute a separate issuance for United States federal income tax purposes.

Interest

Notes due , Notes due and Notes due

The Notes due , Notes due and Notes due will bear interest at the annual rate noted on the cover page of this prospectus supplement. Interest will be payable semiannually on and of each year, beginning , 2011. Interest on the Notes due , the Notes due and the Notes due will be paid to holders of record on the or immediately before the applicable interest payment date. Interest on the Notes due , the Notes due and the Notes due will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

The Notes due , Notes due and Notes due do not provide for any sinking fund.

Floating Rate Notes

Interest on the Floating Rate Notes will be payable quarterly on , , and of each year, as applicable, and on any maturity date, commencing , 2011 and ending on any maturity date, to holders of record on , , or , as applicable immediately before the applicable interest payment date; *provided, however*, that interest payable on any maturity date shall be payable to the person to whom the principal of such Floating Rate Notes shall be payable. Interest on the Floating Rate Notes will be computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a 360-day year.

Interest payable on any interest payment date or maturity date shall be the amount of interest accrued from, and including, the immediately preceding interest payment date in respect of which interest has been paid or duly provided for (or from and including the original issue date, if no interest has been paid or duly provided for with respect to the Floating Rate Notes) to, but excluding, such interest payment date or maturity date, as the case may be. If any interest payment date (other than the maturity date) is not a Business Day at the relevant place of payment, we will pay interest on the next day that is a Business Day at such place of payment as if payment were made on the date such payment was due, and no interest will accrue on the amounts so payable for the period from and after such date to the immediately succeeding Business Day, except that if such Business Day is in the immediately succeeding calendar month, such interest payment date (other than the maturity date) shall be the immediately preceding Business Day. If the maturity date of the Floating Rate Notes is not a Business Day at the relevant place of payment, we will pay interest, if any, and principal and premium, if any, on the next day that is a Business Day at such place of payment as if payment were made on the date such payment was due, and no interest will accrue on the amounts so payable for the period from and after such date to the immediately succeeding Business Day.

For purposes of the Floating Rate Notes, Business Day means any day (1) that is not a Saturday or Sunday and that is not a day on which banking institutions are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close in The City of New York and, for any place of payment outside of The City of New York, in such place of payment, and (2) that is also a London business day, which is a day on which dealings in deposits in U.S. dollars are transacted in the London interbank market.

The term maturity, when used with respect to a Floating Rate Note, means the date on which the principal of such Floating Rate Note or an installment of principal becomes due and payable as therein provided or as provided in the indenture, whether at the stated maturity or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption, repayment or otherwise.

The Floating Rate Notes do not provide for any sinking fund.

Rate of Interest

The interest rate on the Floating Rate Notes will be reset quarterly on , , and of each year, as applicable, commencing , 2011 (each, an interest reset date). The Floating Rate Notes will bear interest at a per annum rate equal to three-month LIBOR (as defined below) for the applicable interest reset period or initial interest period (each as defined below) plus % (basis points). The interest rate for the initial interest period will be three-month LIBOR, determined as of two London business days prior to the original issue date, plus % (basis points). The initial interest period will be the period from and including the original issue date to but excluding the initial interest reset date. Thereafter, each interest reset period will be the period from and including an interest reset date to but excluding the immediately succeeding interest reset date; *provided* that the final interest reset period for the Floating Rate Notes will be the period from and including the interest reset date immediately preceding the maturity date of such Floating Rate Notes to but excluding the maturity date.

If any interest reset date would otherwise be a day that is not a Business Day, the interest reset date will be postponed to the immediately succeeding day that is a Business Day, except that if that business day is in the immediately succeeding calendar month, the interest reset date shall be the immediately preceding Business Day.

The interest rate in effect on each day will be (i) if that day is an interest reset date, the interest rate determined as of the interest determination date (as defined below) immediately preceding such interest reset date or (ii) if that day is not an interest reset date, the interest rate determined as of the interest determination date immediately preceding the most recent interest reset date or the original issue date, as the case may be.

Interest Rate Determination

The interest rate applicable to each interest reset period commencing on the related interest reset date, or the original issue date in the case of the initial interest period, will be the rate determined as of the applicable interest determination date. The interest determination date will be the second London business day immediately preceding the original issue date, in the case of the initial interest reset period, or thereafter the applicable interest reset date.

The Bank of New York Mellon, or its successor appointed by us, will act as calculation agent. Three-month LIBOR will be determined by the calculation agent as of the applicable interest determination date in accordance with the following provisions:

- (i) LIBOR is the rate for deposits in U.S. dollars for the 3-month period which appears on Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page (as defined below) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on the

applicable
interest
determination
date. Reuters
Screen
LIBOR01
Page means
the display
designated on
page
LIBOR01 on
Reuters Screen
(or such other
page as may
replace the
LIBOR01
page on that
service, any
successor
service or such
other service
or services as
may be
nominated by
the British
Bankers
Association
for the purpose
of displaying
London
interbank
offered rates
for U.S. dollar
deposits). If no
rate appears on
Reuters Screen
LIBOR01
Page, LIBOR
for such
interest
determination
date will be
determined in
accordance
with the
provisions of
paragraph (ii)
below.

- (ii) With respect to
an interest

determination
date on which
no rate appears
on Reuters
Screen
LIBOR01
Page as of
approximately
11:00 a.m.,
London time,
on such
interest
determination
date, the
calculation
agent shall
request the
principal
London offices
of each of four
major
reference
banks (which
may include
affiliates of the
underwriters)
in the London
interbank
market
selected by the
calculation
agent (after
consultation
with us) to
provide the
calculation
agent with a
quotation of
the rate at
which deposits
of U.S. dollars
having a
three-month
maturity,
commencing
on the second
London
business day
immediately
following such
interest

determination
date, are
offered by it to
prime banks in
the London
interbank
market as of
approximately
11:00 a.m.,
London time,
on such
interest
determination
date in a
principal
amount equal
to an amount
of not less than
U.S.
\$1,000,000
that is
representative
for a single
transaction in
such market at
such time. If at

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least two such quotations are provided, LIBOR for such interest determination date will be the arithmetic mean of such quotations as calculated by the calculation agent. If fewer than two quotations are provided, LIBOR for such interest determination date will be the arithmetic mean of the rates quoted as of approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on such interest determination date by three major banks (which may include affiliates of the underwriters) selected by the calculation agent (after consultation with us) for loans in U.S. dollars to leading European banks having a three-month maturity commencing on the second London

business day
immediately
following such
interest
determination
date and in a
principal
amount equal
to an amount
of not less than
U.S.
\$1,000,000
that is
representative
for a single
transaction in
such market at
such time;
provided,
however, that
if the banks
selected as
aforesaid by
the calculation
agent are not
quoting such
rates as
mentioned in
this sentence,
LIBOR for
such interest
determination
date will be
LIBOR
determined
with respect to
the
immediately
preceding
interest
determination
date.

All percentages resulting from any calculation of any interest rate for the Floating Rate Notes will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upward (e.g., 9.876545% (or .09876545) would be rounded to 9.87655% (or .0987655)), and all dollar amounts will be rounded to the nearest cent, with one-half cent being rounded upward.

Promptly upon such determination, the calculation agent will notify us and the trustee (if the calculation agent is not the trustee) of the interest rate for the new interest reset period. Upon request of a holder of the Floating Rate Notes, the calculation agent will provide to such holder the interest rate in effect on the date of such request and, if determined, the interest rate for the next interest reset period.

All calculations made by the calculation agent for the purposes of calculating interest on the Floating Rate Notes shall be conclusive and binding on the holders and us, absent manifest errors.

Guarantees

Each Subsidiary Guarantor will fully and unconditionally guarantee, on a joint and several basis, the payment of the principal of, and any premium and interest on the Notes. The guarantees of the Notes will be endorsed on the Notes. In addition, each future domestic Subsidiary of Quest Diagnostics, or any Subsidiary Guarantor which has been released and discharged from its obligations under the guarantee of the Notes, will be required to guarantee Quest Diagnostics' obligations under the Notes, if such Subsidiary:

guarantees
any
Indebtedness
of Quest
Diagnostics
when the
amount of
such
Indebtedness,
together with
any other
outstanding
Indebtedness
of Quest
Diagnostics
guaranteed by
its
Subsidiaries
that are not
Subsidiary
Guarantors,
exceeds \$50
million in the
aggregate at
any time; or

incurs
Indebtedness,
unless such
Indebtedness
is permitted
under the
Limitation on
Subsidiary
Indebtedness
and Preferred
Stock
covenant
described

below.

The Indenture provides that the obligations of each Subsidiary Guarantor under its guarantee will be limited so as to not constitute a fraudulent conveyance under any United States federal or state laws. Application of this clause could limit the amount which holders of Notes may be entitled to collect under the guarantees. Holders, by their acceptance of the Notes, will have agreed to such limitations. See Risk Factors Federal and state laws permit a court to void a guarantee issued by any of our subsidiaries if the court finds the guarantee to constitute a fraudulent conveyance.

The guarantees of the Subsidiary Guarantors with respect to the Notes will remain in effect with respect to each Subsidiary Guarantor until the entire amount of principal of, premium, and interest on the Notes shall have been paid in full or otherwise discharged in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture; *provided, however*, that if (a) a Subsidiary Guarantor does not guarantee Indebtedness of Quest Diagnostics the amount of which, when added together with any other outstanding Indebtedness of Quest Diagnostics guaranteed by its Subsidiaries that are not Subsidiary Guarantors, would exceed \$50 million in the aggregate, excluding the Notes, and all

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outstanding Indebtedness of such Subsidiary Guarantor would have been permitted to be incurred under the Limitation on Subsidiary Indebtedness and Preferred Stock covenant described below measured at the time of the release and discharge as described in this paragraph, (b) the Notes are defeased and discharged as described under Defeasance or (c) all or substantially all of the assets of such Subsidiary Guarantor or all of the capital stock of such Subsidiary Guarantor is sold (including by issuance, merger, consolidation or otherwise) by Quest Diagnostics or any of its Subsidiaries, then in each case of (a), (b) or (c) above, such Subsidiary Guarantor or the corporation acquiring such assets (in the event of a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets or capital stock of such Subsidiary Guarantor) shall be released and discharged from its obligations under its guarantee of the Notes.

Seniority; Ranking

The Notes will be senior unsecured obligations of Quest Diagnostics and will rank equally with other existing and future senior unsecured obligations of Quest Diagnostics. Each guarantee will be a senior unsecured obligation of the Subsidiary Guarantor issuing such guarantee and will rank equally with other existing and future senior unsecured obligations of such Subsidiary Guarantor. As of December 31, 2010, after giving effect to this offering and the anticipated use of the net proceeds therefrom (as if all of the foregoing had occurred on that date), Quest Diagnostics and the Subsidiary Guarantors would have had total debt outstanding of \$4.2 billion.

The Notes and the guarantees will be effectively subordinated to any secured obligations of Quest Diagnostics or Subsidiary Guarantors, as the case may be, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such obligations. The Indenture does not limit the amount of indebtedness that Quest Diagnostics and any of its subsidiary guarantors can incur, but does limit the amount of indebtedness its non-guarantor subsidiaries are permitted to incur (as described below). In addition, the Indenture limits the amount of secured indebtedness pursuant to the covenant described under the heading Limitation on Liens. This covenant is subject to important exceptions described under such heading. As of December 31, 2010, after giving effect to this offering and the anticipated use of the net proceeds therefrom (as if all of the foregoing had occurred on that date), Quest Diagnostics and the Subsidiary Guarantors would have had secured debt outstanding of \$31 million.

Quest Diagnostics conducts its operations through subsidiaries, which generate a substantial portion of its operating income and cash. As a result, distributions or advances from subsidiaries of Quest Diagnostics are a major source of funds necessary to meet its debt service and other obligations. Contractual provisions, laws or regulations, as well as any subsidiary's financial condition and operating requirements, may limit the ability of Quest Diagnostics to obtain cash required to pay Quest Diagnostics' debt service obligations, including payments on the Notes.

The Notes will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future obligations of Quest Diagnostics' subsidiaries that are not Subsidiary Guarantors, including claims with respect to trade payables. In addition, the guarantees of our Subsidiary Guarantors will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future obligations of any subsidiary of ours or a Subsidiary Guarantor that is not also a Subsidiary Guarantor, including claims with respect to trade payables. This means that holders of the Notes as guaranteed by the Subsidiary Guarantors will have a junior position to the claims of creditors of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of Quest Diagnostics which are not Subsidiary Guarantors on the assets and earnings of such subsidiaries. The non-guarantor subsidiaries of Quest Diagnostics are limited in the amount of Indebtedness they are permitted to incur pursuant to the covenant described under Limitation of Subsidiary Indebtedness and Preferred Stock. This covenant is subject to important exceptions described under such heading. In addition, the guarantees of the Subsidiary Guarantors may be released in certain circumstances, which are described under the heading Guarantees. As of December 31, 2010, after giving effect to this offering and the anticipated use of the net proceeds therefrom (as if all of the foregoing had occurred on that date), the non-guarantor subsidiaries of Quest Diagnostics would have had outstanding \$16 million of debt (including the current portion thereof) none of which was comprised of borrowings under the Existing Receivables Credit Facility.

Optional Redemption

Any time prior to their maturity, in the case of the Notes due , the Notes due and the Notes due , the Notes of each series will be redeemable, as a whole at any time or in part from time to time, at the option of Quest Diagnostics, on at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, prior notice mailed to the registered address of each holder of the Notes of the applicable series, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

100% of
principal
amount of
the Notes to
be
redeemed,
and

the sum of
the present
values of
the
Remaining
Scheduled
Payments
(as defined
below)
discounted,
on a
semiannual
basis,
assuming a
360-day
year
consisting
of twelve
30-day
months, at
the
Treasury
Rate (as
defined
below)
plus:

basis
points
for the
Notes
due ,

basis
points

for the
Notes
due ,
or

basis
points
for the
Notes
due ,

plus accrued interest to the date of redemption which has not been paid.

Remaining Scheduled Payments means, with respect to the Notes of any of the series to be redeemed, the remaining scheduled payments of the principal thereof and interest thereon that would be due after the related redemption date but for such redemption; *provided, however*, that, if such redemption date is not an interest payment date with respect to the Notes, the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment thereon will be deemed to be reduced by the amount of interest accrued thereon to such redemption date.

Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date for the Notes of any series:

the yield,
which
represents the
average for the
immediately
preceding
week,
appearing in
the most
recently
published
statistical
release
designated
H.15(519) or
any successor
publication
which is
published
weekly by the
Board of
Governors of
the Federal
Reserve
System and
which
establishes
yields on
actively traded
United States

Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption Treasury Constant Maturities, for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue; *provided* that if no maturity is within three months before or after the maturity date for the Notes, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue will be determined and the Treasury Rate will be interpolated or extrapolated from those yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month; or

if that release, or any successor release, is not published during the

week
preceding the
calculation
date or does
not contain
such yields,
the rate per
annum equal
to the
semiannual
equivalent
yield to
maturity of the
Comparable
Treasury
Issue,
calculated
using a price
for the
Comparable
Treasury Issue
(expressed as a
percentage of
its principal
amount) equal
to the
Comparable
Treasury Price
for that
redemption
date.

The Treasury Rate will be calculated on the third business day preceding the redemption date.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the Notes due , the Notes due or the Notes due , as the case may be, to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Notes.

Independent Investment Banker means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers, to be appointed by Quest Diagnostics.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date for the Notes:

the average
of four
Reference
Treasury
Dealer
Quotations
for that

redemption
date, after
excluding
the highest
and lowest
of such
Reference
Treasury
Dealer
Quotations;
or

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if the trustee obtains fewer than four Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all quotations obtained by the trustee.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the trustee, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue, expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount, quoted in writing to the trustee by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

Reference Treasury Dealer means a primary U.S. Government securities dealer, which we refer to as Primary Treasury Dealer, selected by Quest Diagnostics.

On and after the redemption date for the Notes of each series, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes of that series or any portion thereof called for redemption, unless Quest Diagnostics defaults in the payment of the redemption price and accrued interest. On or before the redemption date for the Notes of that series, Quest Diagnostics shall deposit with a paying agent, or the trustee, funds sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on such Notes to be redeemed on such date. If less than all of the Notes of a series are to be redeemed, the Notes of that series to be redeemed shall be selected by the trustee by such method as the trustee shall deem fair and appropriate.

Special Mandatory Redemption

In the event that Quest Diagnostics has failed to consummate the acquisition of Athena Diagnostics on or prior to October 31, 2011, or the related Stock Purchase and Sale Agreement is terminated at any time prior thereto, then Quest Diagnostics must redeem all of the Notes due and the Floating Rate Notes on the special mandatory redemption date (as defined below) at a redemption price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes due and the Floating Rate Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest from the date of initial issuance to, but excluding, the special mandatory redemption date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date). The special mandatory redemption date means the earlier to occur of (1) November 15, 2011, if the acquisition of Athena Diagnostics has not been completed on or prior to October 31, 2011, or (2) the 30th day (or if such day is not a business day, the first business day thereafter) following the termination of the Stock Purchase and Sale Agreement for any reason.

The Notes due and the Notes due will not be subject to special mandatory redemption.

We will cause notice of special mandatory redemption to be mailed, with a copy to the trustee, within ten business days after the occurrence of the event triggering redemption to each holder at its registered address. If funds sufficient to pay the special mandatory redemption price of all Notes due and the Floating Rate Notes to be redeemed on the special mandatory redemption date are deposited with the trustee on or before such special mandatory redemption date, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the special mandatory redemption date, the Notes due and the Floating Rate Notes will cease to bear interest.

Change of Control

If a Change of Control Triggering Event occurs, unless Quest Diagnostics has exercised its option to redeem the Notes as described above, Quest Diagnostics will be required to make an offer (the Change of Control Offer) to each holder of the Notes to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that holder's Notes on the terms set forth in the Notes. In the Change of Control Offer, Quest Diagnostics will be required to offer payment in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes repurchased to the date of repurchase (the Change of Control Payment). Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event or, at Quest Diagnostics' option, prior to any Change of Control, but after public announcement of the transaction that constitutes or may constitute the Change of Control, a notice will be mailed to

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holders of the Notes describing the transaction that constitutes or may constitute the Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to repurchase the Notes on the date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed (the Change of Control Payment Date). The notice will, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to purchase is conditioned on the Change of Control Triggering Event occurring on or prior to the Change of Control Payment Date.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, Quest Diagnostics will, to the extent lawful:

accept for
payment all
Notes or
portions of
Notes
properly
tendered
pursuant to
the Change
of Control
Offer;

deposit with
the paying
agent an
amount equal
to the
Change of
Control
Payment in
respect of all
Notes or
portions of
Notes
properly
tendered; and

deliver or
cause to be
delivered to
the trustee
the Notes
properly
accepted
together with
an officers
certificate
stating the
aggregate
principal
amount of
Notes or

portions of
Notes being
repurchased.

Quest Diagnostics will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by Quest Diagnostics and the third party repurchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer. In addition, Quest Diagnostics will not repurchase any Notes if there has occurred and is continuing on the Change of Control Payment Date an event of default under the indenture, other than a default in the payment of the Change of Control Payment upon a Change of Control Triggering Event.

Quest Diagnostics will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any such securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Offer provisions of the Notes, Quest Diagnostics will comply with those securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Change of Control Offer provisions of the Notes by virtue of any such conflict. For purposes of the Change of Control Offer provisions of the Notes, the following terms will be applicable:

Change of Control means the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any person (as that term is used in Section 13(d) (3) of the Exchange Act) (other than Quest Diagnostics or one of its subsidiaries) becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the voting stock of Quest Diagnostics or other voting stock into which the voting stock of Quest Diagnostics is reclassified, consolidated, exchanged or changed, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; (2) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or more series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of Quest Diagnostics' assets and the assets of its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to one or more persons (as that term is defined in the indenture) (other than Quest Diagnostics or one of its subsidiaries); or (3) the first day on which a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of Quest Diagnostics are not Continuing Directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control if (1) Quest Diagnostics becomes a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of a holding company and (2)(A) the direct or indirect holders of the voting stock of such holding company immediately following that transaction are substantially the same as the holders of the voting stock of Quest Diagnostics immediately prior to that transaction or (B) immediately following that transaction no person (other than a holding company satisfying the requirements of this sentence) is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the voting stock of such holding company.

Change of Control Triggering Event means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Rating event.

Continuing Directors means, as of any date of determination, any member of Quest Diagnostics Board of Directors who (1) was a member of such Board of Directors on the date the Notes were issued or (2) was nominated for election, elected or appointed to such Board of Directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such Board of Directors at the time of such nomination, election or appointment (either by a specific vote or by approval of the proxy statement of Quest Diagnostics in which such member was named as a nominee for election as a director, without objection to such nomination).

Fitch means Fitch Ratings.

Investment Grade Rating means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's, BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P and BBB- (or the equivalent) by Fitch, and the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any additional rating agency or Rating Agencies selected by Quest Diagnostics.

Moody's means Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

Rating Agencies means (1) each of Moody's, S&P and Fitch; and (2) if any of Moody's, S&P or Fitch ceases to rate the Notes or fails to make a rating of the Notes publicly available for reasons outside of the control of Quest Diagnostics, a nationally recognized statistical rating organization within the meaning of Rule 15c3-1(c)(2)(vi)(F) under the Exchange Act selected by Quest Diagnostics (as certified by a resolution of the Board of Directors) as a replacement agency for Moody's, S&P or Fitch, or all of them, as the case may be.

Rating event means the rating on the Notes is lowered by at least two of the Rating Agencies and the Notes are rated below an Investment Grade Rating by at least two of the Rating Agencies on any day within the 60-day period (which 60-day period will be extended so long as the rating of the Notes is under publicly announced consideration for a possible downgrade by any of the Rating Agencies) after the earlier of (1) the occurrence of a Change of Control and (2) public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control or the intention of Quest Diagnostics to effect a Change of Control; *provided, however*, that a rating event otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating will not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus will not be deemed a rating event for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Triggering Event) if the Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply do not announce or publicly confirm or inform the trustee in writing at its request or the request of Quest Diagnostics that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control has occurred at the time of the rating event).

S&P means Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

Voting stock means, with respect to any specified person (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) as of any date, the capital stock of such person that is at the time entitled to vote generally in the election of the board of directors of such person.

Sinking Fund

The Notes will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.

Limitation on Liens

Other than as provided under Exempted Liens and Sale and Leaseback Transactions, Quest Diagnostics will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, create or assume any Indebtedness secured by any Lien on any Principal Property or shares of stock or Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary, unless: (1) in the case of Quest Diagnostics, the Notes are secured by such Lien equally and ratably with, or prior to, the Indebtedness secured by such Lien, or (2) in the case of any Subsidiary Guarantor, such Subsidiary Guarantor's guarantee of the Notes is secured by

such Lien equally and ratably with, or prior to, the Indebtedness secured by such Lien. The restrictions do not apply to Indebtedness that is secured by:

Liens existing on the date of the issuance of the Notes;

Liens securing only the Notes;

Liens in favor of only Quest Diagnostics or any Restricted Subsidiary;

Liens on property or shares of stock or indebtedness of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or is merged into or consolidated with, or its assets are acquired by, Quest Diagnostics or any Restricted Subsidiary (*provided* that such Lien was not incurred in anticipation of such transaction and was in existence prior to such transaction) so long as such Lien does not extend to any other property and the Indebtedness so secured is not

increased;

Liens on property existing immediately prior to the acquisition thereof (*provided* that such Lien was not incurred in anticipation of such transaction and was in existence prior to such transaction) so long as such Lien does not extend to any other property and the Indebtedness so secured is not increased;

Liens to secure Indebtedness incurred for the purpose of all or any part of a property's purchase price or cost of construction or additions, repairs, alterations, or other improvements; *provided* that (1) the principal amount of any Indebtedness secured by such Lien does not exceed 100% of such property's purchase price or cost, (2) such Lien does not extend to or

cover any other property other than the property so purchased, constructed or on which such additions, repairs, alterations or other improvements were so made, and (3) such Lien is incurred prior to or within 270 days after the acquisition of such property or the completion of construction or such additions, repairs, alterations or other improvements and the full operation of such property thereafter;

Liens in favor of the United States or any state thereof, or any instrumentality of either, to secure certain payments pursuant to any contract or statute;

Liens for taxes or assessments or other governmental charges or levies which are being contested in good faith and

for which
adequate
reserves are
being
maintained, to
the extent
required by
generally
accepted
accounting
principles;

title exceptions,
easements and
other similar
Liens that are
not consensual
and that do not
materially impair
the use of the
property subject
thereto;

Liens to secure
obligations
under workmen's
compensation
laws,
unemployment
compensation,
old-age pensions
and other social
security benefits
or similar
legislation,
including Liens
with respect to
judgments which
are not currently
dischargeable;

Liens arising out
of legal
proceedings,
including Liens
arising out of
judgments or
awards;

warehousemen's,
materialmen's

and other similar
Liens for sums
being contested
in good faith and
for which
adequate
reserves are
being
maintained, to
the extent
required by
generally
accepted
accounting
principles;

Liens incurred to
secure the
performance of
statutory
obligations,
surety or appeal
bonds,
performance or
return-of-money
bonds or other
obligations of a
like nature
incurred in the
ordinary course
of business; or

Liens to secure
any extension,
renewal,
refinancing or
refunding (or
successive
extensions,
renewals,
refinancings or
refundings), in
whole or in part,
of any
Indebtedness
secured by Liens
referred to in the
foregoing bullets
or liens created
in connection
with any

amendment,
consent or
waiver relating
to such
Indebtedness, so
long as such
Lien does not
extend to any
other property
and the
Indebtedness so
secured does not
exceed the fair
market value (as
determined by
our board of
directors) of the
assets subject to
such Liens at the
time of such
extension,
renewal,
refinancing or
refunding, or
such
amendment,
consent or
waiver, as the
case may be.

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Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions

Other than as provided under Exempted Liens and Sale and Leaseback Transactions, Quest Diagnostics will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, enter into any Sale and Leaseback Transaction with respect to any Principal Property unless:

the Sale and Leaseback Transaction is solely with Quest Diagnostics or a Subsidiary Guarantor; or

the lease is for a period not in excess of five years, including renewal rights; or

Quest Diagnostics or the Restricted Subsidiary, prior to or within 270 days after the sale of such Principal Property in connection with the Sale and Leaseback Transaction is completed, applies the net cash proceeds of the sale of the

Principal
Property
leased to:

- (1) the retirement of the Notes or debt ranking equally with the Notes of Quest Diagnostics or any Restricted Subsidiary, or
- (2) the acquisition of different property, facilities or equipment or the expansion of Quest Diagnostics existing business, including the acquisition of other businesses.

Exempted Liens and Sale and Leaseback Transactions

Notwithstanding the restrictions described under the headings Limitation on Liens or Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions, Quest Diagnostics or any Restricted Subsidiary may create or assume any Liens or enter into any Sale and Leaseback Transactions not otherwise permitted as described above, if the sum of the following does not exceed 5% of Consolidated Total Assets:

the
outstanding
Indebtedness
secured by
such Liens
(not including
any Liens
permitted

under

Limitation on
Liens which
amount does
not include
any Liens
permitted
under the
provisions of
this Exempted
Liens and Sale
and Leaseback
Transactions);
plus

all

Attributable
Debt in respect
of such Sale
and Leaseback
Transaction
entered into
(not including
any Sale and
Leaseback
Transactions
permitted
under

Limitation on
Sale and
Leaseback
Transactions
which amount
does not
include any
Sale and
Leaseback
Transactions
permitted
under the
provisions of
this Exempted
Liens and Sale
and Leaseback
Transactions),

measured, in each case, at the time such Lien is incurred or any such Sale and Leaseback Transaction is entered into by Quest Diagnostics or the Restricted Subsidiary.

Limitation on Subsidiary Indebtedness and Preferred Stock

None of the Subsidiaries of Quest Diagnostics other than the Subsidiary Guarantors may, directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume or extend the maturity of any Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness) or Preferred Stock except for the following, *provided* that, for purposes of this covenant, any Acquired Indebtedness shall not be deemed to have been incurred until 270 days from the date (1) the Person obligated on such Acquired Indebtedness becomes a Subsidiary of Quest Diagnostics or (2) the acquisition of assets, in connection with which such Acquired Indebtedness was assumed, is consummated:

Indebtedness
outstanding on
the date of the
Indenture;

Indebtedness
representing
the assumption
by one
Subsidiary of
Indebtedness of
another
Subsidiary;

Indebtedness
outstanding
under any
Receivables
Credit Facility;

Indebtedness
secured by a
Lien incurred
for the purpose
of all or any
part of a
property's
purchase price
or cost of
construction or
additions,
repairs,
alterations or
other
improvements,
provided that
such
Indebtedness
and Lien is
incurred prior
to or within
270 days after
the acquisition

of such
property or the
completion of
construction or
such additions,
repairs,
alterations or
other
improvements
and the full
operation of
such property
thereafter;

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Indebtedness
of any
Subsidiary of
Quest
Diagnostics,
the proceeds
of which are
used to renew,
extend,
refinance or
refund
outstanding
Indebtedness
of such
Subsidiary;
provided that
such
Indebtedness
is scheduled
to mature no
earlier than
the
Indebtedness
being
renewed,
extended,
refinanced or
refunded;
provided
further that
such
Indebtedness
shall be
permitted
hereunder
only to the
extent that the
aggregate
principal
amount of
such
Indebtedness
(or, if such
Indebtedness
is issued at a
price less than
the principal
amount
thereof, the
aggregate

amount of
gross
proceeds
therefrom)
does not
exceed the
aggregate
principal
amount then
outstanding
under the
Indebtedness
being
renewed,
extended,
refinanced or
refunded (or if
the
Indebtedness
being
renewed,
extended,
refinanced or
refunded, was
issued at a
price less than
the principal
amount
thereof, then
not in excess
of the amount
of liability in
respect
thereof
determined in
accordance
with generally
accepted
accounting
principles)
plus the lesser
of (A) the
stated amount
of any
premium or
other payment
required to be
paid in
connection
with such a
refinancing

pursuant to
the terms of
the
Indebtedness
being
refinanced or
(B) the
amount of
premium or
other payment
actually paid
at such time
to refinance
the
Indebtedness,
plus, in either
case, the
amount of
expenses of
such
Subsidiary
incurred in
connection
with such
refinancing;

Indebtedness
of a
Subsidiary of
Quest
Diagnostics to
Quest
Diagnostics or
to another
Subsidiary of
Quest
Diagnostics;

any
Indebtedness
resulting from
a Sale and
Leaseback
Transaction
which is
permitted by
the Limitation
on Sale and
Leaseback
Transactions
covenant (but

not including
any Sale and
Leaseback
Transaction
which is
permitted by
the Exempted
Liens and
Sale and
Leaseback
Transactions
provisions
relating
thereto);

any Permitted
Acquired
Indebtedness;

any guarantee
of
Indebtedness
of Quest
Diagnostics
by any
Subsidiary of
Quest
Diagnostics in
anticipation of
such
Subsidiary
becoming a
Subsidiary
Guarantor
pursuant to
the
Guarantees
provision;

Preferred
Stock to the
extent that the
aggregate
liquidation
preference of
Preferred
Stock,
outstanding at
any one time,
does not
exceed 5% of

Consolidated
Total Assets;
or

shares of
Preferred
Stock held by
Quest
Diagnostics or
a subsidiary
of Quest
Diagnostics;

any
Indebtedness,
including any
Acquired
Indebtedness
that is not
Permitted
Acquired
Indebtedness,
the
outstanding
aggregate
principal
amount of
which does
not at any one
time exceed
the greater of
(1) 10% of
Consolidated
Total Assets
or (2) \$200
million,
measured in
each case at
the time such
Indebtedness
is incurred.

Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets

Quest Diagnostics may merge or consolidate with another Person and may sell, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its assets to another Person if all the following conditions are met:

The merger,
consolidation
or sale of
assets must

not cause an event of default. See Events of Default. An event of default for this purpose would also include any event that would be an event of default if the notice or time requirements were disregarded;

If Quest Diagnostics is not the surviving entity, the Person we would merge or consolidate with, or sell all or substantially all of our assets to, must be organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof;

If Quest Diagnostics is not the surviving entity, the Person we would merge or consolidate with, or sell all or substantially

all of our
assets to,
must
expressly
assume by
supplemental
indenture all
of our
obligations
under the
Notes and the
Indenture;
and

Quest
Diagnostics
must deliver
specific
certification
and
documents to
the trustee.

Events of Default

The term "Event of Default" in respect of the Notes means any of the following:

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Quest
Diagnostics
or any
Subsidiary
Guarantor
does not pay
the principal
of or any
premium on
the Notes of
that series on
its due date;

Quest
Diagnostics
or any
Subsidiary
Guarantor
does not pay
interest on
the Notes of
that series
within 30
days of its
due date
whether at
maturity,
upon
redemption
or upon
acceleration;

Quest
Diagnostics
or any
Subsidiary
Guarantor
remains in
breach of a
covenant in
respect of the
Notes of that
series for 60
days after it
receives a
written notice
of default
stating it is in
breach and
requiring that

it remedy the breach. The notice must be sent by either the trustee or holders of 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes of that series;

An event of default under any indenture or instrument evidencing or under which Quest Diagnostics or any Subsidiary Guarantor then has outstanding any Indebtedness shall occur and be continuing and either:

- (1) such event of default results from the failure to pay the principal of such Indebtedness in excess of \$200 million at final maturity of such Indebtedness, individually or in the aggregate; or

- (2) as a result of such event of default the maturity of such Indebtedness shall have been accelerated so that the same shall be or become due and payable prior to the date on which the same would otherwise have become due and payable and the principal amount of such Indebtedness, together with the principal of any other Indebtedness of Quest Diagnostics or such Subsidiary Guarantor in default, or the maturity of which has been accelerated, aggregates at least \$200 million, individually or in the aggregate;

Any Subsidiary Guarantor repudiates its obligations

under its
guarantee of
the Notes or,
other than by
reason of the
termination of
the Indenture
or the release
of any such
guarantee in
accordance
with the
Indenture, any
such guarantee
ceases to be in
full force and
effect or is
declared null
and void and
such condition
shall have
continued for a
period of 30
days after
written notice
of such failure
requiring
Quest
Diagnostics or
the Subsidiary
Guarantor to
remedy the
same shall
have been
given to Quest
Diagnostics by
the trustee or
to Quest
Diagnostics
and the trustee
by the holders
of 25% in
aggregate
principal
amount of the
Notes then
outstanding; or

Quest
Diagnostics or
any Subsidiary

Guarantor files
for bankruptcy
or certain other
events of
bankruptcy,
insolvency or
reorganization
occur.

The trustee may withhold notice to the holders of Notes of any default (except in the payment of principal or interest) if it considers such withholding of notice to be in the best interests of the holders.

If an event of default with respect to the Notes of any series has occurred and has not been cured, the trustee or the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes of that series may declare the entire principal amount (and premium, if any) of, and all the accrued interest on the Notes of that series to be due and immediately payable. This is called a declaration of acceleration of maturity. If an event of default with respect to the Notes of any series occurs because of certain events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, the principal amount of the Notes of that series will be automatically accelerated, without any action by the trustee or any holder. Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Notes of each series may also waive certain past defaults under the Indenture on behalf of all of the holders of the Notes of that series. A declaration of acceleration of maturity with respect to the Notes of any series may be canceled, under specific circumstances, by the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Notes of that series.

Except in cases of default, where the trustee has some special duties, the trustee is not required to take any action under the Indenture at the request of any of the holders unless the holders offer the trustee protection reasonably satisfactory to it from expenses and liability called an indemnity. If indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the trustee is provided, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Notes of each series may, with respect to the Notes of that series, direct the time, method and place of conducting any lawsuit or other formal legal action seeking any remedy

available to the trustee. The trustee may refuse to follow those directions in certain circumstances. No delay or omission in exercising any right or remedy will be treated as a waiver of the right, remedy or event of default.

Before you are allowed to bypass the trustee and bring a lawsuit or other formal legal action or take other steps to enforce your rights or protect your interests relating to the Notes of any series, the following must occur:

You must
give the
trustee
written
notice that
an event of
default has
occurred
and remains
uncured;

The holders
of at least
25% in
principal
amount of
the
outstanding
Notes of
that series
must make a
written
request that
the trustee
take action
because of
the default
and must
offer the
trustee
indemnity
reasonably
satisfactory
to it against
the cost and
other
liabilities of
taking that
action;

The trustee
must not
have taken
action for 60

days after
receipt of
the above
notice and
offer of
indemnity;
and

Holders of a
majority in
principal
amount of
the Notes of
that series
must not
have given
the trustee a
direction
inconsistent
with the
above
notice.

However, you are entitled at any time to bring a lawsuit for the payment of money due on your Notes on or after the due date.

Defeasance

Full Defeasance. If there is a change in federal tax law, as described below, we can legally release ourselves and our Subsidiary Guarantors from any payment or other obligations on the Notes, called full defeasance, if we put in place the following other arrangements for you to be repaid:

We must
deposit in
trust for your
benefit and
the benefit of
all other
registered
holders of
the Notes a
combination
of money
and U.S.
government
or U.S.
government
agency notes
or bonds that
will generate
enough cash

to make
interest,
principal and
any other
payments on
the Notes on
their various
due dates
including,
possibly,
their earliest
redemption
date.

In order for
us to effect a
full
defeasance,
we must
deliver to the
trustee a
legal opinion
confirming
that you will
not
recognize
income, gain
or loss for
United
States
federal
income tax
purposes as a
result of the
defeasance
and that you
will not be
taxed on the
Notes any
differently
than if the
defeasance
had not
occurred.

If we accomplish full defeasance, as described above, you would have to rely solely on the trust deposit for repayment on the Notes. You could not look to us or our Subsidiary Guarantors for repayment in the unlikely event of any shortfall. Conversely, the trust deposit would most likely be protected from claims of our lenders and other creditors if we ever become bankrupt or insolvent.

Covenant Defeasance. Under current federal tax law, we can make the same type of deposit described above and be released and cause our Subsidiary Guarantors to be released from the restrictive covenants in the Notes, if any. This is

called covenant defeasance. In that event, you would lose the protection of those restrictive covenants but would gain the protection of having money and securities set aside in trust to repay the Notes. In order to achieve covenant defeasance, we must do the following:

We must deposit in trust for your benefit and the benefit of all other registered holders of the Notes a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the Notes on their various due dates.

We must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion confirming that under current United States federal income tax law you will not recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal

income tax purposes as a result of the covenant defeasance and that you will not be taxed on the Notes any differently than if the covenant defeasance had not occurred.

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If we accomplish covenant defeasance, the following provisions of the Indenture and the Notes would no longer apply unless otherwise specified:

any
promises of
our
Subsidiary
Guarantors
relating to
their
guarantees,
the conduct
of their
business
and any
other
covenants
applicable
to the series
of Notes;

our
promises
regarding
conduct of
our
business
and other
matters and
any other
covenants
applicable
to the series
of Notes;
and

the
definition
of an event
of default
as a breach
of such
covenants.

If we accomplish covenant defeasance, you can still look to us and our Subsidiary Guarantors for repayment of the Notes if there were a shortfall in the trust deposit. In fact, if one of the remaining events of default occurred (such as our bankruptcy) and the Notes become immediately due and payable, there may be such a shortfall. Depending on the event causing the default, of course, you may not be able to obtain payment of the shortfall.

In order to exercise either full defeasance or covenant defeasance, we must comply with certain conditions, and no event or condition can exist that would prevent us and our Subsidiary Guarantors from making payments of principal,

premium, and interest, if any, on the Notes of such series on the date the irrevocable deposit is made or at any time during the period ending on the 91st day after the deposit date.

Notices

With respect to the Notes, we and the trustee will send notices regarding the Notes only to registered holders, using their addresses as listed in the list of registered holders.

Global Notes: Book-Entry System

Global Notes

The Notes of each series will be represented by one or more fully registered global notes, without interest coupons and will be deposited upon issuance with the trustee as custodian for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (DTC), and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, in each case, for credit to an account of a direct or indirect participant as described below.

Except as set forth below, the global notes may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to another nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or its nominee. Beneficial interests in the global notes may not be exchanged for definitive notes in registered certificated form (certificated notes) except in the limited circumstances described below. See Certain Book-Entry Procedures for the Global Notes.

Except in the limited circumstances described below, owners of beneficial interests in the global notes will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of notes in certificated form.

Transfers of beneficial interests in the global notes are subject to the applicable rules and procedures of DTC and its direct or indirect participants, which may change.

The Notes may be presented for registration of transfer and exchange at the offices of the trustee.

Certain Book-Entry Procedures for the Global Notes

All interests in the global notes will be subject to the operations and procedures of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream Luxembourg. The descriptions of the operations and procedures of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream Luxembourg set forth below are provided solely as a matter of convenience. These operations and procedures are solely within the control of the respective settlement systems and are subject to change by them from time to time. We obtained the information in this section and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement concerning DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream Luxembourg and their respective book-entry systems from sources that we believe

are reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of any of this information, and investors are urged to contact the relevant system or its participants directly to discuss these matters.

DTC. DTC has advised us that it is:

a limited-purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York;

a banking organization within the meaning of the New York State Banking Law;

a member of the Federal Reserve System;

a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, as amended; and

a clearing agency registered pursuant to Section 17A of the Exchange Act.

DTC was created to hold securities for its participants (collectively, the participants) and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its participants through electronic book-entry changes to the accounts of its participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical transfer and delivery of certificates. DTC's participants include securities brokers and dealers (including some or all of the underwriters), banks and trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Indirect access to DTC's system is also available to other entities such as Clearstream Luxembourg, Euroclear, banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies (collectively, the indirect participants) that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly. Investors who are not participants may beneficially own securities held by or on behalf of DTC only through participants or indirect participants in DTC.

Clearstream Luxembourg. Clearstream Luxembourg is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a professional depository. Clearstream Luxembourg holds securities for its participating organizations (Clearstream Luxembourg Participants) and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream Luxembourg Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream Luxembourg Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream Luxembourg provides Clearstream Luxembourg Participants with, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and establishment of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream Luxembourg interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. As a professional depository, Clearstream Luxembourg is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Monetary Institute. Clearstream Luxembourg Participants are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations, and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Clearstream Luxembourg is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream Luxembourg Participant either directly or indirectly.

Distributions with respect to Notes held beneficially through Clearstream Luxembourg will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream Luxembourg Participants in accordance with its rules and procedures to the extent received by the U.S. depository for Clearstream Luxembourg.

Euroclear. Euroclear was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of Euroclear (Euroclear Participants) and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear Participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear includes various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several markets in several countries. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (the Euroclear Operator), under contract with Euro- clear Clearance Systems S.C., a Belgian cooperative corporation (the Cooperative). All operations are conducted by the Euroclear Operator, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator, not the Cooperative. The Cooperative establishes policy for Euroclear on behalf of Euroclear Participants. Euroclear Participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to

other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear Participant, either directly or indirectly.

The Euroclear Operator is regulated and examined by the Belgian Banking Commission. Distributions of principal and interest with respect to Notes held through Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg participants in accordance with the relevant system's rules and procedures, to the extent received by such system's depository.

Links have been established among DTC, Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear to facilitate the initial issuance of the Notes and cross-market transfers of the Notes associated with secondary market trading. DTC will be linked indirectly to Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear through the DTC accounts of their respective U.S. depositories.

Book-Entry Procedures. We expect that, pursuant to procedures established by DTC:

upon deposit
of each
global note,
DTC will
credit, on its
book-entry
registration
and transfer
system, the
accounts of
participants
designated by
the
underwriters
with an
interest in
that global
note; and

ownership of
beneficial
interests in
the global
notes will be
shown on,
and the
transfer of
ownership
interests in
the global
notes will be
effected only
through,
records
maintained
by DTC

(with respect to the interests of participants) and by participants and indirect participants (with respect to the interests of persons other than participants).

The laws of some jurisdictions may require that some purchasers of Notes take physical delivery of those Notes in definitive form. Accordingly, the ability to transfer beneficial interests in notes represented by a global note to those persons may be limited. In addition, because DTC can act only on behalf of its participants, who in turn act on behalf of persons who hold interests through participants, the ability of a person holding a beneficial interest in a global note to pledge or transfer that interest to persons or entities that do not participate in DTC's system, or to otherwise take actions in respect of that interest, may be affected by the lack of a physical note in respect of that interest.

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of a global note, DTC or that nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole legal owner or holder of the notes represented by that global note for all purposes of the Notes and the Indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a global note (1) will not be entitled to have the Notes represented by that global note registered in their names, (2) will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificated notes, and (3) will not be considered the owners or holders of the Notes represented by that beneficial interest under the indenture for any purpose, including with respect to the giving of any direction, instruction or approval to the trustee. Accordingly, each holder owning a beneficial interest in a global note must rely on the procedures of DTC and, if that holder is not a participant or an indirect participant, on the procedures of the participant through which that holder owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder of Notes under the Indenture or that global note. We understand that under existing industry practice, in the event that we request any action of holders of notes, or a holder that is an owner of a beneficial interest in a global note desires to take any action that DTC, as the holder of that global note, is entitled to take, DTC would authorize the participants to take that action and the participants would authorize holders owning through those participants to take that action or would otherwise act upon the instruction of those holders. Neither we nor the Trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of notes by DTC, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records of DTC relating to the Notes.

Payments with respect to the principal of and interest on a global note will be payable by the trustee to or at the direction of DTC or its nominee in its capacity as the registered holder of the global note under the Indenture. Under the terms of the Indenture, we and the trustee may treat the persons in whose names the Notes, including the global notes, are registered as the owners thereof for the purpose of receiving payment thereon and for any and all other purposes whatsoever. Accordingly, neither we nor the trustee has or will have any responsibility or liability for the

payment of those amounts to owners of beneficial interests in a global note. Payments by the participants and the indirect participants to the owners of beneficial interests in a global note will be governed by standing instructions and customary industry practice and will be the responsibility of the participants and indirect participants and not of DTC.

Transfers between participants in DTC will be effected in accordance with DTC's procedures, and will be settled in same-day funds. Transfers between participants in Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with their respective rules and operating procedures.

Cross-market transfers between the participants in DTC, on the one hand, and Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg participants, on the other hand, will be effected through DTC in accordance with DTC's rules on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg, as the case may be, by its respective depository. However, those cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg, as the case may be, by the counterparty in that system in accordance with the rules and procedures and within the established deadlines (Brussels time) of that system. Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg, as the case may be, will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its respective depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving interests in the relevant global notes in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Euroclear participants and Clearstream Luxembourg participants may not deliver instructions directly to the depositaries for Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg.

Although we understand that DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream Luxembourg have agreed to the foregoing procedures to facilitate transfers of interests in the global notes among participants in DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream Luxembourg, they are under no obligation to perform or to continue to perform those procedures, and those procedures may be discontinued at any time. Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg or their respective participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

Same-Day Settlement and Payment

We will make payments in respect of the Notes represented by the global notes (including principal and interest) by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the global note holder. We will make all payments of principal and interest with respect to certificated notes by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the holders of the certificated notes or, if no such account is specified, by mailing a check to each such holder's registered address. The notes represented by the global notes are expected to trade in DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System.

Because of time zone differences, the securities account of a Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg participant purchasing an interest in a global note from a participant in DTC will be credited, and any such crediting will be reported to the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg participant, during the securities settlement processing day (which must be a business day for Euroclear and Clearstream Luxembourg) immediately following the settlement date of DTC. DTC has advised us that cash received in Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg as a result of sales of interests in a global note by or through a Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg participant to a participant in DTC will be received with value on the settlement date of DTC but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg cash account only as of the business day for Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg following DTC's settlement date.

None of Quest Diagnostics, any underwriter or agent, the trustee or any applicable paying agent will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial interests in a global note, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records.

Modification or Waiver

There are three types of changes we can make to the Indenture and the Notes.

Changes Requiring Your Approval. First, there are changes that cannot be made to your Notes without your specific approval. Following is a list of those types of changes:

changing the
stated maturity
of the principal
of or interest
on the Notes;

reducing any
amounts due
on the Notes or
payable upon
acceleration of
the maturity of
the security
following a
default;

adversely
affecting any
right of
repayment at
the holder's
option;

changing the
place (except
as otherwise
described in
this prospectus
supplement) or
currency of
payment on the
Notes;

impairing your
right to sue for
payment or to
convert or
exchange
Notes;

modifying the
Notes to
subordinate the

Notes to other
indebtedness;

reducing the
percentage of
holders of
Notes whose
consent is
needed to
modify or
amend the
Indenture;

reducing the
percentage of
holders of
Notes whose
consent is
needed to
waive
compliance
with certain
provisions of
the Indenture
or to waive
certain
defaults;

reducing the
requirements
for quorum or
voting with
respect to the
Notes;

modifying any
other aspect of
the provisions
of the
Indenture
dealing with
modification
and waiver
except to
increase the
voting
requirements;
and

change in any
of our

obligations to
pay additional
amounts to
holders with
respect to taxes
imposed on
such holders in
certain
circumstances.

Changes Requiring a Majority Vote. The second type of change to the Indenture and the outstanding Notes is the kind that requires a vote in favor by holders of outstanding Notes owning a majority of the principal amount of Notes. Most changes fall into this category, except for clarifying changes and certain other changes that would not adversely affect holders of the outstanding Notes in any material respect. The same vote would be required for us and our Subsidiary Guarantors to obtain a waiver of all or part of certain covenants in the Indenture, or a waiver of a past default. However, we and our Subsidiary Guarantors cannot obtain a waiver of a payment default or any other aspect of the Indenture or the outstanding Notes listed in the category described previously under **Changes Requiring Your Approval** unless we and our Subsidiary Guarantors obtain your individual consent to the waiver.

Changes Not Requiring Approval. The third type of change does not require any vote by holders of outstanding Notes. This type is limited to clarifications, curing ambiguities, defects or inconsistencies and certain other changes that would not adversely affect holders of the outstanding Notes in any material respect. Qualifying or maintaining the qualification of the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act does not require any vote by holders of Notes.

Satisfaction and Discharge

The Indenture will cease to be of further effect, and we and our Subsidiary Guarantors will be deemed to have satisfied and discharged the Indenture with respect to the Notes, when the following conditions have been satisfied:

all Notes not
previously
delivered to
the trustee
for
cancellation
have become
due and
payable or
will become
due and
payable at
their stated
maturity or
on a
redemption
date within
one year;

we deposit
with the
trustee, in

trust, funds sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness on the Notes that had not been previously delivered for cancellation, for the principal and interest to the date of the deposit (for Notes that have become due and payable) or to the stated maturity or the redemption date, as the case may be (for Notes that have not become due and payable);

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we have
paid or
caused to
be paid all
other sums
payable
under the
Indenture;
and

we have
delivered
to the
trustee an
officer's
certificate
and
opinion of
counsel,
each
stating that
all these
conditions
have been
complied
with.

We will remain obligated to provide for registration of transfer and exchange and to provide notices of redemption.

The Trustee

The trustee will be The Bank of New York Mellon (formerly, The Bank of New York). The Bank of New York Mellon also will be the initial paying agent and registrar for the Notes. The Bank of New York Mellon is also the trustee and note registrar for our 7.5% senior notes due 2011, our 5.45% senior notes due 2015, our 6.40% senior notes due 2017, our 4.75% senior notes due 2020, our 6.95% senior notes due 2037 and our 5.75% senior notes due 2040.

The Indenture provides that, except during the continuance of an event of default under the Indenture, the trustee under the Indenture will perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in the Indenture. Under the Indenture, the holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Notes will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding or exercising any remedy available to the trustee under the Indenture, subject to certain exceptions. The trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by the Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders pursuant to the Indenture, unless such Holders shall have offered to the trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to the trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction. If an event of default has occurred and is continuing, the trustee under the Indenture will exercise such rights and powers vested in it under the Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise as a prudent person would exercise under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

The Indenture and provisions of the Trust Indenture Act incorporated by reference in the Indenture contain limitations on the rights of the trustee under such Indenture, should it become a creditor of our company, to obtain payment of

claims in certain cases or to realize on certain property received by it in respect of any such claims, as security or otherwise. The trustee under the Indenture is permitted to engage in other transactions. However, if the trustee under the Indenture acquires any prohibited conflicting interest, it must eliminate the conflict or resign.

The trustee may resign or be removed and a successor trustee may be appointed.

Governing Law

The Indenture and the Notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York without application of principles of conflicts of law thereunder.

Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this Description of Notes:

Acquired Indebtedness means Indebtedness of a Person (1) existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or (2) assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets by such Person, in each case, other than Indebtedness incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary or such acquisition, as the case may be.

Attributable Debt means, with respect to a Sale and Leaseback Transaction, an amount equal to the lesser of: (1) the fair market value of the property (as determined in good faith by our board of directors); and (2) the present value of the total net amount of rent payments to be made under the lease during its remaining term, discounted at the rate of interest set forth or implicit in the terms of the lease, compounded semi-annually. The calculation of the present value of the total net amount of rent payments is subject to adjustments specified in the Indenture.

Capitalized Lease means any obligation of a Person to pay rent or other amounts incurred with respect to real property or equipment acquired or leased by such Person and used in its business that is required to be recorded as a capital lease in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Consolidated Total Assets means, with respect to any Person as of any date, the amount of total assets as shown on the consolidated balance sheet of such Person for the most recent fiscal quarter for which financial statements have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Existing Receivables Credit Facility means the receivables-backed financing transaction pursuant to (1) the Third Amended and Restated Receivables Sales Agreement, dated as of December 12, 2008 between Quest Diagnostics and each of its direct and indirect wholly owned Subsidiaries that is a seller thereunder, and Quest Diagnostics Receivables Inc., as the buyer, (2) the Fourth Amended and Restated Credit and Security Agreement, dated as of June 11, 2008, as amended, among Quest Diagnostics Receivables Inc., as borrower, Quest Diagnostics, as initial servicer, each of the lenders from time to time party thereto, and Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi, as administrative agent, and (3) the various related ancillary documents.

Indebtedness of any Person means, without duplication (1) any obligation of such Person for money borrowed, (2) any obligation of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments, (3) any reimbursement obligation of such Person in respect of letters of credit or other similar instruments which support financial obligations which would otherwise become Indebtedness, and (4) any obligation of such Person under Capitalized Leases; *provided, however*, that Indebtedness of such Person shall not include any obligation of such Person to any Subsidiary of such Person or to any Person with respect to which such Person is a Subsidiary.

Initial Subsidiary Guarantors means each of American Medical Laboratories, Incorporated; AmeriPath Consolidated Labs, Inc.; AmeriPath Florida, LLC; AmeriPath Group Holdings, Inc.; AmeriPath Holdings, Inc.; AmeriPath Hospital Services Florida, LLC; AmeriPath Indiana, LLC; AmeriPath Intermediate Holdings, Inc.; AmeriPath Kentucky, Inc.; AmeriPath Marketing USA, Inc.; AmeriPath Michigan, Inc.; AmeriPath Mississippi, Inc.; AmeriPath New York, LLC; AmeriPath North Carolina, Inc.; AmeriPath Ohio, Inc.; AmeriPath Pennsylvania, LLC; AmeriPath Philadelphia, Inc.; AmeriPath SC, Inc.; AmeriPath Texas, L.P.; AmeriPath Wisconsin, LLC; AmeriPath Youngstown Labs, Inc.; AmeriPath, Inc.; AmeriPath, LLC; Anatomic Pathology Services, Inc.; API No. 2, LLC; APL Properties Limited Liability Company; Arizona Pathology Group, Inc.; Central Plains Holdings, Inc.; Dermatopathology Services, Inc.; Diagnostic Pathology Management Services, LLC; Diagnostic Reference Services Inc.; DPD Holdings, Inc.; Enterix Inc.; ExamOne World Wide of NJ, Inc.; ExamOne World Wide, Inc.; Focus Diagnostics, Inc.; Focus Technologies Holding Company; HemoCue, Inc.; Kailash B. Sharma, M.D., Inc.; LabOne of Ohio, Inc.; LabOne, Inc.; MedPlus, Inc.; MetWest Inc.; Nichols Institute Diagnostics; Ocmulgee Medical Pathology Association, Inc.; O Quinn Medical Pathology Association, LLC; Osborn Group Inc.; Pathology Building Partnership; PCA of Denver, Inc.; PCA of Nashville, Inc.; Peter G. Klacsmann, M.D., Inc.; Quest Diagnostics Clinical Laboratories, Inc.; Quest Diagnostics Finance Incorporated; Quest Diagnostics Holdings Incorporated; Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (MD); Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (MI); Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (NV); Quest Diagnostics Investments Incorporated; Quest Diagnostics LLC (CT); Quest Diagnostics LLC (IL); Quest Diagnostics LLC (MA); Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute (f/k/a Quest Diagnostics Incorporated) (CA); Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, Inc.; Quest Diagnostics of Pennsylvania Inc.; Regional Pathology Consultants, LLC; Rocky Mountain Pathology, LLC; Sharon G. Daspit, M.D., Inc.; Shoals Pathology Associates, Inc.; Specialty Laboratories, Inc.; Strigen, Inc.; TID Acquisition Corp.; and Unilab Corporation.

Lien means any pledge, mortgage, lien, encumbrance or other security interest.

Officer's Certificate means a certificate signed by any Officer of Quest Diagnostics or any Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, in his or her capacity as such Officer and delivered to the trustee.

Permitted Acquired Indebtedness means any Acquired Indebtedness that remains outstanding following the expiration of a good faith offer by Quest Diagnostics or the Subsidiary of Quest Diagnostics obligated under such Acquired Indebtedness to acquire such Acquired Indebtedness, including, without limitation, an offer to exchange such Acquired Indebtedness for debt securities of Quest Diagnostics, on terms, which in the opinion of an independent investment banking firm of national reputation and standing, are consistent with market practices in existence at the time for offers of a similar nature; *provided* that the initial expiration date of any such offer shall be not later than the expiration of the 270-day period referred to in the first paragraph of the **Limitation on Subsidiary Indebtedness and Preferred Stock** covenant; *provided further* that the amount of Acquired Indebtedness that shall constitute **Permitted Acquired Indebtedness** shall only be equal to the amount of Acquired Indebtedness that Quest Diagnostics or such Subsidiary has made an offer to acquire in accordance with the foregoing.

Person means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or other similar entity.

Preferred Stock means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares of preferred stock (however designated) issued by such Person, that is entitled to preference or priority over one or more series or classes of capital stock issued by such Person upon any distribution of such Person's property and assets, whether by dividend or on liquidation, whether now outstanding, or issued after the date that the Notes are issued.

Principal Property means any real property and any related buildings, fixtures or other improvements located in the United States owned by Quest Diagnostics or its Subsidiaries (1) on or in which one of its 30 largest domestic clinical laboratories conducts operations, as determined by net revenues for the four most recent fiscal quarters for which financial statements have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or (2) the net book value of which at the time of the determination exceeds 1% of the Consolidated Total Assets of Quest Diagnostics. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, Quest Diagnostics and its Subsidiaries owned 12 of the 30 largest domestic clinical laboratories operated by Quest Diagnostics and its Subsidiaries. These 12 owned domestic clinical laboratories are **Principal Properties** under the above definition.

Receivables Credit Facility means any receivables-backed financing transaction including the Existing Receivables Credit Facility, in each case as such transaction may be amended or otherwise modified from time to time or refinanced or replaced with respect to all or any portion of the indebtedness under such transaction.

Restricted Subsidiary means any Subsidiary of Quest Diagnostics that owns a **Principal Property**.

Sale and Leaseback Transaction means any arrangement with any person providing for the leasing by Quest Diagnostics or any **Restricted Subsidiary** of any **Principal Property** that has been or is to be sold or transferred by Quest Diagnostics or any **Restricted Subsidiary** to such person, as the case may be.

Subsidiary of any Person means (1) a corporation, a majority of the outstanding voting stock of which is, at the time, directly or indirectly, owned by such Person by one or more Subsidiaries of such Person, or by such Person and one or more Subsidiaries thereof or (2) any other Person (other than a corporation), including, without limitation, a partnership or joint venture, in which such Person, one or more Subsidiaries thereof or such Person and one or more Subsidiaries thereof, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination thereof, has at least majority ownership interest entitled to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof (or other Person performing similar functions).

Subsidiary Guarantors means, at any time, (1) each **Initial Subsidiary Guarantor** and (2) each existing and future domestic Subsidiary of Quest Diagnostics which is required to guarantee the obligations of Quest Diagnostics under the Notes, *provided* that, in each case, such **Initial Subsidiary Guarantor** or such other domestic Subsidiary continues to guarantee the Notes at such time.

UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion is a summary of the material United States federal income tax consequences, relevant to the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Notes, but does not purport to be a complete analysis of all potential tax effects. The discussion is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), United States Treasury Regulations issued thereunder, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rulings and pronouncements and judicial decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change at any time. Any such change may be applied retroactively in a manner that could adversely affect a beneficial owner of the Notes. This discussion does not address all of the United States federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to a beneficial owner of the Notes in light of its particular circumstances or to beneficial owners of the Notes subject to special rules, such as certain financial institutions, U.S. expatriates, insurance companies, dealers in securities or foreign currencies, traders in securities,

United States Holders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, partnerships and other pass through entities and their beneficial owners, tax-exempt organizations and persons holding the notes as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion transaction or other integrated transaction. In addition, this discussion is limited to beneficial owners of the Notes that purchase the Notes for cash in this offering at a price equal to their issue price within the meaning of Section 1273 of the Code, and that hold the Notes as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code. Moreover, the effect of any applicable state, local or foreign tax laws, and any part of United States federal tax law other than law pertaining to income taxation, is not discussed in this summary.

As used in this prospectus supplement, United States Holder means a beneficial owner of the Notes that is for United States federal income tax purposes:

an individual
who is a
citizen or
resident of the
United States;

a corporation
(or other entity
taxable as a
corporation)
created or
organized in or
under the laws
of the United
States, any
State thereof
or the District
of Columbia;

an estate the
income of
which is
subject to
United States
federal income
tax regardless
of its source;
or

a trust, if a United States court can exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more United States persons can control all substantial trust decisions, or if the trust was in existence on August 20, 1996 and has elected to continue to be treated as a United States person.

A non-United States Holder is a beneficial owner of Notes that is neither a United States Holder nor a partnership (or other entity treated as a partnership) for United States federal income tax purposes.

If a beneficial owner of the Notes is a partnership (or other entity treated as a partnership) for United States federal income tax purposes, the tax treatment of the partnership and each partner in such partnership generally will depend on the activities of the partnership and the status of the partner. Partnerships that hold Notes, and partners in such partnerships, should consult their own tax advisors.

Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors with regard to the application of the tax consequences discussed below to their particular situations as well as the application of any state, local, foreign or other tax laws, including gift and estate tax laws.

United States Holders

Interest

Payments of stated interest on the Notes will be taxable to a United States Holder as ordinary income at the time that such payments are received or accrued, in accordance with such United States Holder's regular method of accounting for United States federal income tax purposes.

Sale or Other Taxable Disposition of the Notes

A United States Holder will recognize gain or loss on the sale, exchange (including, in certain circumstances, a deemed exchange as a result of an assumption by any Person of our obligations under the Notes and the Indenture as described under Description of Notes Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets), redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of a Note in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the disposition (less any portion allocable to any accrued and unpaid interest, which will be taxable as ordinary interest income to the extent not previously included in gross income) and the United States Holder's tax basis in the Note. Such gain or loss generally will be a capital gain or loss, and will be a long-term capital gain or loss if the United States Holder has held the Note for more than one year at the time of the disposition. A United States Holder's tax basis in a Note generally will be the price such United States Holder paid for the Note. Long-term capital gains of individuals generally are eligible for reduced rates of United States federal income tax (such rates are scheduled to increase on January 1, 2013). The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations under the Code.

Backup Withholding

A United States Holder may be subject to backup withholding tax, currently at a 28% rate, when such United States Holder receives interest and principal payments on the Notes, or upon the receipt of proceeds from the sale or other disposition of such Notes. Certain United States Holders (including, among others, certain tax-exempt organizations) generally are exempt from backup withholding. A non-exempt United States Holder will be subject to this backup withholding tax if such United States Holder:

fails to
furnish its
taxpayer
identification
number
(TIN), which,
for an
individual,
ordinarily is
his or her
social
security
number;

furnishes an
incorrect
TIN;

is notified by
the IRS that
the United
States Holder
has failed to
properly
report
payments of
interest or
dividends; or

fails to certify, under penalties of perjury, that the United States Holder is a United States person, has furnished a correct TIN and that the IRS has not notified the United States Holder that it is subject to backup withholding.

United States Holders should consult their personal tax advisors regarding their qualification for an exemption from backup withholding and the procedures for obtaining such an exemption, if applicable. The backup withholding tax is not an additional tax and United States Holders may use amounts withheld as a refund or credit against their United States federal income tax liability so long as the requisite information is timely furnished to the IRS.

Non-United States Holders

Interest Payments and Gains from Dispositions

Interest paid to a non-United States Holder generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax, and United States federal withholding tax of 30% (or, if applicable, a lower treaty rate) will not apply, provided:

such holder does not directly or indirectly, actually or constructively, own 10% or more of our voting stock;

such holder is not a controlled foreign corporation that is related to us through sufficient stock ownership and

is not a bank
that receives
the interest on
an extension of
credit made
pursuant to a
loan agreement
entered into in
the ordinary
course of its
trade or
business;

such interest is
not effectively
connected with
a trade or
business
conducted by
the non-United
States Holder
within the
United States;
and

either (1) the
non-United
States Holder
certifies to us
or our paying
agent, under
penalties of
perjury, that it
is not a United
States person
within the
meaning of the
Code and
provides

its name and
address, or
(2) a
securities
clearing
organization,
bank or other
financial
institution
that holds
customers
securities in
the ordinary
course of its
trade or
business and
holds the
Notes on
behalf of the
non-United
States Holder
certifies to us
or our paying
agent under
penalties of
perjury that
it, or the
financial
institution
between it
and the
non-United
States
Holder, has
received from
the
non-United
States Holder
a statement,
under
penalties of
perjury, that
such
non-United
States Holder
is not a
United States
person and
provides us
or our paying
agent with a

copy of this statement.

If a non-United States Holder cannot satisfy the requirements described above, payments of interest made to the non-United States Holder will be subject to the 30% United States federal withholding tax, unless the non-United States Holder provides us or our paying agent with a properly executed (1) IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) claiming an exemption from or reduction in withholding under the benefit of an applicable tax treaty or (2) IRS Form W-8ECI (or other applicable form) stating that interest paid on the Notes is not subject to withholding tax because it is effectively connected with such non-United States Holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States. The certification requirement described above may require a non-United States Holder that provides an IRS form to also provide its TIN. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding the certification requirements for non-United States Holders.

A non-United States Holder generally will not be subject to United States federal income or withholding tax on gain and any accrued interest recognized on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other disposition of a Note unless (1) such gain is effectively connected with a trade or business conducted by the non-United States Holder within the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a United States permanent establishment maintained by the non-United States Holder), (2) such non-United States Holder is an individual who was present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition and certain other conditions are met (in which case, except as otherwise provided by an applicable income tax treaty, such gain, which may be offset by United States source capital losses, generally will be subject to a flat 30% United States federal income tax, even though the non-United States Holder is not considered a resident alien under the Code) or (3) in the case of accrued interest, such accrued interest does not qualify for the exemption from United States federal income tax and United States federal withholding tax discussed above.

If interest on the Notes or gain from a disposition of the Notes is effectively connected with a non-United States Holder's conduct of a United States trade or business (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a United States permanent establishment maintained by the non-United States Holder), the non-United States Holder generally will be subject to United States federal income tax on the interest or gain on a net basis in the same manner as United States Holders. For effectively-connected interest, the 30% withholding tax described above will not apply (assuming an appropriate certification is timely provided). A foreign corporation that is a non-United States Holder of a Note also may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% of its effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year, subject to certain adjustments, unless it qualifies for a lower rate under an applicable income tax treaty.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

Backup withholding and information reporting generally will not apply to payments made by us or our paying agents, in their capacities as such, to a non-United States Holder of a Note if the non-United States Holder has provided the required certification that it is not a United States person as described above, *provided* that neither we nor our paying agent has actual knowledge that the non-United States Holder is a United States person. However, we or our paying agent may be required to report to the IRS and to non-United States Holders payments of interest on the Notes and the amount of tax, if any, withheld with respect to those payments. Copies of the information returns reporting such interest payments and any withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which such non-United States Holders reside under the provisions of a treaty or agreement.

If a non-United States Holder sells a Note outside the United States through a non-U.S. office of a non-U.S. broker and the sales proceeds are paid to the non-United States Holder outside the United States, then backup withholding and information reporting generally will not apply to that payment. However, information reporting, but not backup withholding, will apply to a payment of sales proceeds, even if that payment is made outside the United States, if a non-United States Holder sells a Note through a non-U.S. office of a broker that is:

a United States person;

a controlled foreign corporation for United States federal income tax purposes;

a foreign person 50% or more of whose gross income is effectively connected with a United States trade or business for a specified three-year period; or

a foreign partnership, if at any time during its tax year, one or more of its partners are United States persons, as defined in Treasury regulations, who in the

aggregate
hold more
than 50% of
the income
or capital
interest in
the
partnership
or if, at any
time during
its tax year,
the foreign
partnership
is engaged
in a United
States trade
or business;

unless such broker has documentary evidence in its possession of the non-United States Holder's foreign status and has no knowledge to the contrary, or the non-United States Holder otherwise establishes an exemption.

Payment of the proceeds from a disposition by a non-United States Holder of a Note made to or through the United States office of a broker will be subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless the non-United States Holder certifies that it is not a United States person or otherwise establishes an exemption from information reporting and backup withholding.

Non-United States Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding application of backup withholding in their particular circumstance and the availability of and procedure for obtaining an exemption from backup withholding under current Treasury Regulations. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a non-United States Holder will be allowed as a refund or a credit against the non-United States Holder's United States federal income tax liability, provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

UNDERWRITING

Under the terms and subject to the conditions contained in an underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus supplement, the underwriters named below for whom Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Goldman, Sachs & Co., RBS Securities Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC are acting as joint book-running managers and representatives, have severally agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell to them, severally, the principal amount of notes indicated in the table below:

| Underwriter | Principal Amount of | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| | Notes due | Notes due | Notes due | Floating Rate Notes |
| Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Goldman, Sachs & Co. | | | | |
| RBS Securities Inc. | | | | |
| J.P. Morgan Securities LLC | | | | |
| Wells Fargo Securities, LLC | | | | |
| Total | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |

The underwriters are offering the notes subject to their acceptance of the notes from us and subject to prior sale. The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the several underwriters to pay for and accept delivery of the notes offered by this prospectus supplement are subject to the approval of certain legal matters by their counsel and to certain other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to take and pay for all the notes offered by this prospectus supplement if any such notes are taken. The offering of the notes by the underwriters is subject to receipt and acceptance and subject to the underwriters' right to reject any order in whole or in part.

The underwriters initially propose to offer part of the notes directly to the public at the public offering prices set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and part to certain dealers at a price that represents a concession not in excess of % of the principal amount of the Notes due , % of the principal amount of the Notes due , % of the principal amount of the Notes due and % of the principal amount of the Floating Rate Notes. Any such dealers may resell any notes purchased from the underwriters to certain other brokers or dealers at a discount not to exceed % of the principal amount of the Notes due , % of the principal amount of the Notes due , % of the principal amount of the Notes due and % of the principal amount of the Floating Rate Notes. After the initial offering of the notes, the offering price and other selling terms may from time to time be varied by the representatives.

The following table shows the per note and total public offering price, underwriting discount, and proceeds before expenses to us:

| | Notes due | | Notes due | | Notes due | | Floati |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|--------|
| | Per Note | Total | Per Note | Total | Per Note | Total | Rate N |
| Public offering price ⁽¹⁾ | % | \$ | % | \$ | % | \$ | % |
| | % | \$ | % | \$ | % | \$ | % |

Underwriting
discount

Proceeds,
before
expenses, to
us

%

\$

%

\$

%

\$

%

- (1) Plus
accrued
interest
from ,
2011, if
settlement
occurs
after that
date.

The estimated offering expenses payable by us, exclusive of the underwriting discount, are approximately \$.

In order to facilitate the offering of the notes, the underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the prices of the notes. Specifically, the underwriters may over-allot in connection with the offering, creating short positions in the notes for their own account. In addition, to cover over-allotments or to stabilize the prices of the notes, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase notes on the open market. Finally, the underwriting syndicate may reclaim selling

concessions allowed to an underwriter or a dealer for distributing the notes in the offering, if the syndicate repurchases previously distributed notes in transactions to cover syndicate short positions, in stabilization transactions or otherwise. Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of the notes above independent market levels. The underwriters are not required to engage in these activities, and may end any of these activities at any time.

We have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Prior to the offering, there have been no active markets for the notes. The underwriters have advised us that certain of the underwriters presently intend to make markets in the notes as permitted by applicable laws and regulations. Such underwriters are not obligated, however, to make the markets in the notes and any such market making may be discontinued at any time at the discretion of such underwriters. Accordingly, no assurance can be given as to the liquidity of, or trading markets for, the notes.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the representatives have repurchased notes sold by or for the account of such underwriter in stabilizing or short covering transactions.

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. Certain of the underwriters and their respective affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various financial advisory, investment banking and commercial banking services for our company, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses. Affiliates of certain of the underwriters are lenders under our credit facilities.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of our company. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), each underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State it has not made and will not make an offer of notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

- (a) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) to fewer than 100 or, if the

Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, as defined below, 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representative for any such offer; or

- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of notes shall require us or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of notes to the public in relation to any notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes to be offered so as to enable an

investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State) and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State, and the expression 2010 PD Amending Directive means Directive 2010/73/EU.

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that:

- (a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Market Act 2000, or FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and
- (b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the notes in,

from or
otherwise
involving the
United
Kingdom.

The notes may not be offered or sold by means of any document other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), or (ii) to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in this prospectus supplement (and the accompanying prospectus) being a prospectus within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the notes may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

Neither this prospectus supplement nor the accompanying prospectus has been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the notes may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the notes be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA), (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 by a relevant person which is: (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the notes under Section 275 except: (1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; (2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or (3) by operation of law.

The notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law) and each underwriter has agreed that it will not offer or sell any notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including

any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with the notes offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Shearman & Sterling LLP, New York, New York. Certain legal matters in connection with the notes offered hereby will be passed upon for the underwriters by Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, New York, New York.

EXPERTS

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Quest Diagnostics (which is included in the Report of Management on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any reports, statements or other information we file with the SEC at its public reference rooms at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800- SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. Our filings are also available to the public on the Internet, through a database maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, you can inspect and copy our reports, proxy statements and other information at the offices of The New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

Our subsidiary guarantors do not file separate financial statements with the SEC and do not independently publish their financial statements. Instead, our subsidiary guarantors' financial condition, results of operations and cash flows are consolidated into our financial statements. Summarized financial information illustrating our subsidiary guarantors' financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, on a combined basis, is disclosed in the notes to our consolidated financial statements which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, as noted below.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this document the information we filed with it. This means that we can disclose important business, financial and other information to you by referring you to other documents separately filed with the SEC. All information incorporated by reference is part of this document, unless and until that information is updated and superseded by the information contained in this document or any information incorporated later.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below (except for information furnished to the SEC that is not deemed to be filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act):

1. Our
Current
Reports on
Form 8-K,
filed

January
25, 2011
(only as to
item 8.01
which is
filed with
the SEC),
January
31, 2011,
February
2, 2011,
February
9, 2011,
February
18, 2011
and
February
23, 2011;
and

2. Our
Annual
Report on
Form
10-K for
the fiscal
year ended
December
31, 2010.

The above list of documents that we are incorporating by reference into this document amends and supersedes the list of documents included in the **Where You Can Find More Information** section of the accompanying prospectus in its entirety.

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Our filings with the SEC, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports, are available free of charge on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after they are filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. Our internet website is located at <http://www.questdiagnostics.com>. The contents of the website are not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. You also may request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning our Investor Relations Department at the following address:

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated
Three Giralda Farms
Madison, New Jersey 07940
Attention: Investor Relations
(973) 520-2700

We also incorporate by reference all future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the termination of the offering made hereby.

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PROSPECTUS

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

**Debt Securities
Guarantees of Debt Securities**

We may offer and sell, from time to time, in one or more offerings, the debt securities we describe in this prospectus, for sale directly to purchasers or through underwriters, dealers or agents to be designated at a future date.

Our debt securities may be fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured basis by our subsidiaries.

We will provide the specific terms of these debt securities in supplements or term sheets to this prospectus. **We urge you to read carefully this prospectus, the accompanying prospectus supplements and term sheets, which will describe the specific terms of the securities offered, before you make your investment decision.**

Investing in our debt securities involves risks that are described in the Risk Factors section of our periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is February 7, 2011

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

The information contained in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with any information or to make any representation not contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any prospectus supplement or included in any free writing prospectus that we may file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), in connection with any offering of the debt securities described in this prospectus. We do not take any responsibility for, and can provide no assurances as to, the reliability of any information that others may provide you. We are not making an offer of any securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document in which such information is contained or such other date referred to in such document, regardless of the time of any sale or issuance of a security.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC using a shelf registration process. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell or issue securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement and, if applicable, a pricing supplement, that will contain specific information about the terms of that specific offering of securities and the specific manner in which they may be offered. The prospectus supplement and any applicable pricing supplement may also add to, update or change any of the information contained in this prospectus. The prospectus supplement and any applicable pricing supplement may also contain information about any material U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to the securities described in the prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and any applicable pricing supplement, together with the additional information described under **Where You Can Find More Information**. You should read the entire prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including the information incorporated by reference, before making an investment decision. As used in this prospectus, the terms Quest Diagnostics, we, us and our refer to Quest Diagnostics Incorporated and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless context clearly indicates otherwise.

This prospectus contains summaries of certain provisions contained in some of the documents described herein, but reference is made to the actual document for complete information. All of the summaries are qualified in their entirety by the actual documents. Copies of some of the documents referred to herein have been filed or will be filed or incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and you may obtain copies of those documents as described below under **Where You Can Find More Information**.

The registration statement that contains this prospectus (including the exhibits to the registration statement) contains additional information about us and the securities offered under this prospectus. That registration statement can be read at the SEC web site (www.sec.gov) or at the SEC offices mentioned under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information**.

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED

The Company

We are the world's leading provider of diagnostic testing, information and services, providing insights that enable patients, physicians and others to make better healthcare decisions. We offer U.S. patients and physicians the broadest access to diagnostic testing services through our nationwide network of laboratories and company-owned patient service centers. We provide interpretive consultation through the largest medical and scientific staff in the industry, with approximately 900 M.D.s and Ph.D.s, primarily located in the United States. We are the leading provider of clinical testing, including gene-based and other esoteric testing, anatomic pathology services and testing for drugs-of-abuse, and the leading provider of risk assessment services for the life insurance industry. We are also a leading provider of testing for clinical trials. Our diagnostics products business manufactures and markets FDA cleared or approved diagnostic test kits and specialized point-of-care testing. We empower healthcare organizations and clinicians with robust information technology solutions.

We are a Delaware corporation. We are the successor to MetPath Inc., a New York corporation that was organized in 1967.

Our principal executive offices are located at Three Giralda Farms, Madison, New Jersey 07940, telephone number: (973) 520-2700.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any reports, statements or other information we file with the SEC at its public reference rooms at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800- SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. Our filings are also available to the public on the Internet, through a database maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, you can inspect and copy our reports, proxy statements and other information at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

Our subsidiary guarantors do not file separate financial statements with the SEC and do not independently publish their financial statements. Instead, our subsidiary guarantors' financial condition, results of operations and cash flows are consolidated into our financial statements. Summarized financial information illustrating our subsidiary guarantors' financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, on a combined basis, is disclosed in the notes to our consolidated financial statements which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as noted below.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this document the information we filed with it. This means that we can disclose important business, financial and other information to you by referring you to other documents separately filed with the SEC. All information incorporated by reference is part of this document, unless and until that information is updated and superseded by the information contained in this document or any information incorporated later.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below:

1. Our current reports on Form 8-K, filed January 25, 2010 (only)

as to the items that are filed and not furnished), January 29, 2010, May 7, 2010, October 8, 2010, October 20, 2010 (only as to the items that are filed and not furnished), January 25, 2011 (only as to the items that are filed and not furnished), January 31, 2011 and February 2, 2011;

2. Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2010, June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2010; and
3. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year

ended
December
31, 2009.

Our filings with the SEC, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports, are available free of charge on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after they are filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. Our internet website is located at <http://www.questdiagnostics.com>. The contents of the

website are not incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You also may request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning our Investor Relations Department at the following address:

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated
Three Giralda Farms
Madison, New Jersey 07940
Attention: Investor Relations
(973) 520-2700

We also incorporate by reference all future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 prior to the termination of the offering made hereby.

**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE SAFE HARBOR
PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995**

Some statements and disclosures in this prospectus, or any accompanying prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated herein or therein by reference, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include all statements that do not relate solely to historical or current facts and can be identified by the use of words such as may, believe, will, expect, project, estimate, anticipate, plan or continue. These forward-looking statements are based on our current plans and expectations and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause our plans and expectations, including actual results, to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, or the Litigation Reform Act, provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their companies without fear of litigation.

We would like to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Litigation Reform Act in connection with the forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this document. Investors are cautioned not to unduly rely on such forward-looking statements when evaluating the information presented or incorporated by reference in this document. The following important factors could cause our actual financial results to differ materially from those projected, forecasted or estimated by us in forward-looking statements:

- (a) Heightened competition from commercial clinical testing companies, and from hospitals with respect to testing for non-patients and from physicians.
- (b) Increased pricing pressure from customers and payers.
- (c) A continued weakness in economic conditions.
- (d) Impact of changes in payer mix, including any shift from fee-for-service to discounted

or capitated fee arrangements.

- (e) Adverse actions by government or other third-party payers, including healthcare reform that focuses on reducing healthcare costs but does not recognize the value and importance to healthcare of diagnostic testing, unilateral reduction of fee schedules payable to us, competitive bidding, and an increase in the practice of negotiating for exclusive arrangements that involve aggressively priced capitated or fee-for-service payments by health insurers or other payers.

- (f) The impact upon our testing volume and collected revenue or general or administrative expenses

resulting from our compliance with Medicare and Medicaid administrative policies and requirements of third party payers. These include:

- (1) the requirements of Medicare carriers to provide diagnosis codes for many commonly ordered tests (and the transition to a new coding set) and the possibility that third party payers will increasingly adopt similar requirements;
- (2) continued inconsistent practices among the different local carriers administering Medicare;
- (3) inability to obtain from patients a valid advance beneficiary notice form for tests that cannot be billed without prior receipt of the form;

- (4) increased challenges in operating as a non-contracted provider with respect to health plans;
- (5) the impact of additional or expanded limited coverage policies and limits on the allowable number of test units;
- (6) the impact of increased prior authorization programs for clinical testing; and
- (7) new rules requiring laboratory requisitions, other than electronic requisitions, to be signed by the ordering physician.
- (g) Adverse results from pending or future government investigations, lawsuits or private actions. These include, in particular, monetary damages, loss or suspension

of licenses,
and/or
suspension or
exclusion from
the Medicare
and Medicaid
programs
and/or criminal
penalties.

- (h) Failure to efficiently integrate acquired businesses and to manage the costs related to any such integration, or to retain key technical, professional or management personnel.
- (i) Denial, suspension or revocation of CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988) certification or other licenses for any of our clinical laboratories under the CLIA standards, revocation or suspension of the right to bill the Medicare and Medicaid programs or other adverse regulatory actions by federal, state and local agencies.
- (j) Changes in federal, state or local laws or regulations, including changes that result in new or increased federal or state regulation of commercial clinical laboratories or tests developed by commercial clinical laboratories, including regulation of laboratory services by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the FDA).

- (k) Inability to achieve expected benefits from our acquisitions of other businesses.
- (l) Inability to achieve additional benefits from our Six Sigma and efficiency initiatives.
- (m) Adverse publicity and news coverage about the clinical testing industry or us.
- (n) Computer or other IT system failures that affect our ability to perform tests, report test results or properly bill customers, including potential failures resulting from the standardization of our IT systems and other system conversions, telecommunications failures, malicious human acts (such as electronic break-ins or computer viruses) or natural disasters.
- (o) Development of technologies that substantially alter the practice of clinical test medicine, including technology changes that lead to the development of more cost-effective tests such as (1)

point-of-care tests that can be performed by physicians in their offices, (2) esoteric tests that can be performed by hospitals in their own laboratories or (3) home testing that can be carried out without requiring the services of clinical laboratories.

- (p) Negative developments regarding intellectual property and other property rights that could prevent, limit or interfere with our ability to develop, perform or sell our tests or operate our business. These include:
 - (1) Issuance of patents or other property rights to our competitors or others; and
 - (2) Inability to obtain or maintain adequate patent or other proprietary rights for our products and services or to successfully enforce our

proprietary
rights.

- (q) Development of tests by our competitors or others which we may not be able to license, or usage of our technology or similar technologies or our trade secrets by competitors, any of which could negatively affect our competitive position.
- (r) Regulatory delay or inability to commercialize newly developed or licensed products, tests or technologies or to obtain appropriate reimbursements for such tests.
- (s) Impact of any national healthcare information network or the adoption of standards for health information technology interoperability that are incompatible with existing software and hardware

infrastructure
requiring
widespread
replacement of
systems and/or
software.

- (t) Inability to promptly or properly bill for our services or to obtain appropriate payments for services that we do bill.
- (u) Changes in interest rates and changes in our credit ratings from Standard & Poor's Rating Services, Moody's Investor Services or Fitch Ratings causing an unfavorable impact on our cost of and access to capital.
- (v) Inability to hire and retain qualified personnel or the loss of the services of one or more of our key senior management personnel.
- (w) Terrorist and other criminal activities, hurricanes,

earthquakes or other natural disasters, and health pandemics, which could affect our customers, transportation or systems, or our facilities, and for which insurance may not adequately reimburse us.

- (x) Difficulties and uncertainties in the discovery, development, regulatory environment and/or marketing of new products or new uses of existing products.

- (y) Failure to comply with the requirements of our Corporate Integrity Agreement that could subject us to suspension or termination from participation in federal healthcare programs and substantial monetary penalties.

- (z) Failure to adapt to changes in the healthcare system and healthcare delivery stemming from 2010 federal healthcare reform legislation.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Except as may be described otherwise in a prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, we will add the net proceeds from the sale of the securities under this prospectus to our general funds and will use them for general corporate purposes, which may include, among other things, funding acquisitions or reducing or refinancing indebtedness.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

Set forth below is information concerning the historical ratio of earnings to fixed charges for Quest Diagnostics. This ratio shows the extent to which our business generates enough earnings after the payment of all expenses other than interest to make required interest payments on our debt.

For this purpose, earnings consist of pretax income from continuing operations plus fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expense and one-third of rental expense, representing that portion of rental expense we deemed representative of an appropriate interest factor.

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 | 2009 | Year Ended December 31, | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------|
| | | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | |
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges | 6.8x | 6.8x | 5.2x | 4.9x | 8.2x | 9.9x |
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SECURITIES WE MAY ISSUE

Overview

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf process, we may sell our senior debt securities, or guarantees of our debt securities, in one or more offerings.

The terms of the securities will be determined at the time of offering.

We will refer to the debt securities and the guarantees of the debt securities or any combination of those securities, proposed to be sold under this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement as the securities.

Because we are a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, we may add to and offer additional securities including secondary securities and guarantees of securities by filing a prospectus supplement or term sheet with the SEC at the time of the offer.

Prospectus Supplement or Pricing Supplement

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement or pricing supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement or pricing supplement may also add to or change information contained in this prospectus. If so, the prospectus supplement or pricing supplement should be read as superseding this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement or pricing supplement together with additional information described under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information**.

The prospectus supplement or pricing supplement to be provided with this prospectus will describe the terms of any securities that we offer and any initial offering price to the public in that offering, the purchase price and net proceeds that we will receive and the other specific terms related to our offering of the securities. For more details on the terms of the securities, you should read the exhibits filed with or incorporated by reference in our registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part.

**DESCRIPTION OF SENIOR DEBT SECURITIES
AND GUARANTEES OF SENIOR DEBT SECURITIES**

We may issue senior debt securities from time to time in one or more distinct series. We may also issue guarantees of our senior debt securities from time to time.

As required by U.S. federal law for all bonds and notes of companies that are publicly offered, the senior debt securities will be governed by a document called an indenture. An indenture is a contract between us and a financial institution, in this case, The Bank of New York Mellon, formerly known as The Bank of New York, acting as trustee on your behalf, or other trustee we may select. The indenture will be subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

We have filed the indenture as an exhibit to our Securities Act filings and Exchange Act reports that we have filed with the SEC. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#) for information on how to obtain a copy of the indenture.

The senior debt securities will be issued under an indenture dated as of June 27, 2001 as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture, dated as of June 27, 2001, each among Quest Diagnostics, as issuer, the Initial Subsidiary Guarantors, as guarantors, and The Bank of New York, as trustee, as further supplemented by a second supplemental indenture, dated as of November 26, 2001, among Quest Diagnostics, the Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by a third supplemental indenture, dated as of April 4, 2002, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by a fourth supplemental indenture, dated as of March 19, 2003, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by a fifth supplemental indenture, dated as of April 16, 2004, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by a sixth supplemental indenture, dated as of October 31, 2005, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by a seventh supplemental indenture, dated as of November 21, 2005, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by an eighth supplemental indenture, dated as of July 31, 2006, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by the ninth supplemental indenture dated September 30, 2006, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by the tenth supplemental indenture, dated June 22, 2007, among Quest Diagnostics, the Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by the eleventh supplemental indenture, dated June 22, 2007, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York, as further supplemented by the twelfth supplemental indenture, dated June 25, 2007, among Quest Diagnostics, the additional Subsidiary Guarantors (as defined therein) and The Bank of New York, and as further supplemented by the thirteenth supplemental indenture, dated November 17, 2009, among Quest Diagnostics, the Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon (collectively, the Indenture). The Indenture for the senior debt securities may also be modified by future supplemental indentures. The terms of the senior debt securities include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. A copy of the Indenture is available for inspection at the office of the trustee.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities to or through agents or underwriters or directly to one or more purchasers.

By Agents

We may use agents to sell the securities. The agents will agree to use their reasonable best efforts to solicit purchases of the period of their appointment.

By Underwriters

We may sell the securities to underwriters. The underwriters may resell the securities in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions. Each underwriter will be obligated to purchase all the securities allocated to it under the underwriting agreement. The underwriters may change any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions they give to dealers.

Direct Sales

We may sell securities directly to investors. In this case, no underwriters or agents would be involved.

As one of the means of direct issuance of securities, we may utilize the services of any available electronic auction system to conduct an electronic dutch auction of the offered securities among potential purchasers who are eligible to participate in the auction of those offered securities, if so described in the prospectus supplement or pricing supplement.

General Information

Any underwriters or agents will be identified and their compensation described in a prospectus supplement or pricing supplement.

We may have agreements with the underwriters, dealers and agents to indemnify them against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act or to contribute to payments they may be required to make.

Underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us or our subsidiaries in the ordinary course of their business.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of any securities issued hereunder will be passed upon for our company by Shearman & Sterling LLP, New York, New York.

EXPERTS

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Quest Diagnostics (which is included in the Report of Management on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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