BRITELL JENNE K

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement **OUEST DIAGNOSTICS INC [DGX]** À BRITELL JENNE K (Month/Day/Year) 08/06/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group (Check all applicable) Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Director 10% Owner Person Â Officer Other Form filed by More than One (give title below) (specify below) Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

> (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Signatures

Sirisha Gummaregula, atty.in fact for Jenne K.
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08/09/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

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