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December 02, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE TO  
TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(D) (1) OR 13(E) (1)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(AMENDMENT NO. 17)

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UNILAB CORPORATION  
(Name of Subject Company)

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QUEST DIAGNOSTICS NEWCO INCORPORATED  
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS INCORPORATED  
Offeror

Names of Filing Persons (identifying status as offeror, issuer or other person)

Common Stock, Par Value \$.01 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

904763208

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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LEO C. FARRENKOPF, JR.  
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and Communications on Behalf of Filing Persons)

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- [X] third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
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This Amendment No. 17 amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (this "Schedule TO") filed by Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, a Delaware corporation ("Quest Diagnostics"), and Quest Diagnostics Newco Incorporated ("Purchaser"), a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Quest Diagnostics on May 15, 2002, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on June 7, 2002, Amendment No. 2 on June 24, 2002, Amendment No. 3 on July 2, 2002, Amendment No. 4 on July 11, 2002, Amendment No. 5 on July 17, 2002, Amendment No. 6 on July 19, 2002, Amendment No. 7 on July 31, 2002, Amendment No. 8 on August 14, 2002, Amendment No. 9 on August 28, 2002, Amendment No. 10 on September 12, 2002, Amendment No. 11 on September 20, 2002, Amendment No. 12 on September 26, 2002, Amendment No. 13 on October 10, 2002, Amendment No. 14 on October 24, 2002, Amendment No. 15 on November 7, 2002 and Amendment No. 16 on November 21, 2002. This Schedule TO relates to the offer by Quest Diagnostics, through Purchaser, to exchange all outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Shares"), of Unilab Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), for, at the election of the holder thereof, (i) 0.3256 of a share of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, of Quest Diagnostics ("Quest Diagnostics Shares") or (ii) \$26.50 in cash, without interest, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Prospectus, dated May 15, 2002, as amended on June 7, 2002, June 24, 2002 and July 11, 2002 (the "Prospectus"), and in the related Letter of Election and Transmittal (together, the Prospectus and the Letter of Election and Transmittal, with any amendments or supplements thereto, collectively constitute the "Offer").

The information set forth in the Prospectus and the related Letter of Election and Transmittal is incorporated herein by reference in response to Items 1-11 of this Schedule TO.

ITEM 11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Quest Diagnostics issued a press release announcing that it was in discussions with Unilab Corporation to amend the terms of their previously announced merger agreement, and such press release is attached hereto as Exhibit (a)(17). The information set forth in the press release is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference.

ITEM 12. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

- (a)(17) Press Release, dated December 2, 2002 (incorporated herein by reference to Quest Diagnostics' Form 425 filed on December 2, 2002).

ITEM 13. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SCHEDULE 13E-3

Not applicable.

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After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

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QUEST DIAGNOSTICS NEWCO INCORPORATED

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By: /s/ Leo C. Farrenkopf, Jr.  
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