



**QUEST DIAGNOSTICS selects HCL
as strategic technology partner to accelerate market entry in India**

New Delhi, Monday, 29th October 2007 - Quest Diagnostics and HCL Technologies Ltd. ("HCL"), global IT services company, announced that HCL has been engaged as a strategic technology partner to accelerate the launch of Quest Diagnostics' India operations. HCL is working with Quest Diagnostics to establish and manage the company's information technology infrastructure.

HCL will host Quest Diagnostics' India data center and provide network and IT support services from its state-of-the-art center in Noida, India. Additionally, HCL has collaborated with Quest Diagnostics to develop a unique patient health record product currently in pilot that will enable patients to store and manage their health records in a secure and portable manner.

"We are excited that Quest Diagnostics has chosen HCL as its strategic technology partner," said Shiv Nadar, Founder of HCL and Chairman and Chief Strategy Officer of HCL Technologies Ltd. "This innovative collaboration is aimed at driving growth, unlike many traditional business models that focus entirely on cost savings."

"Our technology collaboration with HCL accelerates our market entry in India," said Surya N. Mohapatra, Ph.D., Chairman and CEO of Quest Diagnostics. "By working with a strategic technology partner, we have been able to leverage our strengths and turn our ideas into action."

Quest Diagnostics India Pvt. Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of US \$ 7 billion Quest Diagnostics Incorporated (NYSE: DGX), the world leader in medical diagnostic testing, information and services.

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About Quest Diagnostics

Quest Diagnostics is the leading provider of diagnostic testing, information and services that patients and doctors need to make better healthcare decisions. The company offers the broadest access to diagnostic testing services through its national network of laboratories and patient service centers, and provides interpretive consultation through its extensive medical and scientific staff. Quest Diagnostics is a pioneer in developing innovative new diagnostic tests and advanced healthcare information technology solutions that help improve patient care. Additional company information is available at www.questdiagnostics.com.

This communication contains certain forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements, which may include, but are not limited to, statements concerning the proposed acquisition, are based on management's current expectations and estimates and involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Certain of these risks and uncertainties may include, but are not limited to the risks and uncertainties described in the Quest Diagnostics Incorporated 2006 Form 10-K and subsequent filings.

About HCL Technologies

HCL Technologies is one of India's leading global IT Services companies, providing software-led IT solutions, remote infrastructure management services and BPO. Having made a foray into the global IT landscape in 1999 after its IPO, HCL Technologies focuses on Transformational Outsourcing, working with clients in areas that impact and re-define the core of their business. The company leverages an extensive global offshore infrastructure and its global network of offices in 18 countries to deliver solutions across select verticals including Financial Services, Retail & Consumer, Life Sciences & Healthcare, Hi-Tech & Manufacturing, Telecom and Media & Entertainment (M&E). For the quarter ended 30th September 2007, HCL Technologies, along with its subsidiaries had last twelve months (LTM) revenue of US \$ 1.5 billion (Rs. 6363 crores) and employed 45,622 professionals. For more information, please visit www.hcltech.com

About HCL Enterprise

HCL Enterprise is a leading Global Technology and IT enterprise that comprises two companies listed in India - HCL Technologies & HCL Infosystems. The 3-decade-old enterprise, founded in 1976, is one of India's original IT garage start-ups. Its range of offerings span Product Engineering, Custom & Package Applications, BPO, IT Infrastructure Services, IT Hardware, Systems Integration, and distribution of ICT products. The HCL team comprises approximately 51,000 professionals of diverse nationalities, who operate from 18 countries including 360 points of presence in India. HCL has global partnerships with several leading Fortune 1000 firms, including leading IT and Technology firms. For more information, please visit www.hcl.in

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pending regulatory proceedings, fluctuations in earnings, our ability to manage growth, intense competition in IT services, Business Process Outsourcing and consulting services including those factors which may affect our cost advantage, wage increases in India, customer acceptances of our services, products and fee structures, our ability to attract and retain highly skilled professionals, our ability to integrate acquired assets in a cost effective and timely manner, time and cost overruns on fixed-price, fixed-time frame contracts, client concentration, restrictions on immigration, our ability to manage our international operations, reduced demand for technology in our key focus areas, disruptions in telecommunication networks, our ability to successfully complete and integrate potential acquisitions, the success of our brand development efforts, liability for damages on our service contracts, the success of the companies / entities in which we have made strategic investments, withdrawal of governmental fiscal incentives, political instability, legal restrictions on raising capital or acquiring companies outside India, and unauthorized use of our intellectual property, other risks, uncertainties and general economic conditions affecting our industry. There can be no assurance that the forward looking statements made herein will prove to be accurate, and issuance of such forward looking statements should not be regarded as a representation by the Company, or any other person, that the objective and plans of the Company will be achieved. All forward looking statements made herein are based on information presently available to the management of the Company and the Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement that may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the Company.

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