

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Potthoff John Gary</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/10/2018</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHEMBIO DIAGNOSTICS, INC. [ CEMI ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director                                      10% Owner  Officer (give title below)                      Other (specify below)	
		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(Last)                      (First)                      (Middle) <u>3661 HORSEBLOCK ROAD</u>			
(Street) <u>MEDFORD NY 11763</u>			
(City)                      (State)                      (Zip)			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>None<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>0<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	

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 (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Option to Purchase Common Stock</u>	<u>05/10/2018</u>	<u>05/10/2023</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>9,375</u>	<u>8.15<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Option to Purchase Common Stock</u>	<u>05/10/2019</u>	<u>05/10/2023</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>9,375</u>	<u>8.15<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Option to Purchase Common Stock</u>	<u>05/10/2020</u>	<u>05/10/2023</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>9,375</u>	<u>8.15<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Option to Purchase Common Stock</u>	<u>05/10/2021</u>	<u>05/10/2023</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>9,375</u>	<u>8.15<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Option to Purchase Common Stock</u>	<u>05/10/2022</u>	<u>05/10/2023</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>9,375</u>	<u>8.15<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. No securities beneficially owned immediately prior to appointment  
2. Closing trading price on May 10, 2018, as reported by NASDAQ.

/s/ John Potthoff                                      05/16/2018  
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).  
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