QUIDEL CORP /DE/ Form 8-K March 16, 2009

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 16, 2009

QUIDEL CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 0-10961 (Commission File Number) 94-2573850 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

10165 McKellar Court San Diego, California (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

92121 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (858) 552-1100

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 16, 2009, Quidel Corporation issued a press release providing a business update and will hold a conference call at 5:00 a.m., Pacific Time, on March 16, 2009 to discuss such update. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished with this current report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit Number

Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press release, dated March 16, 2009.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 16, 2009

QUIDEL CORPORATION

By: Name: Its: /s/ John M. Radak John M. Radak Chief Financial Officer

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