

QUIDEL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
March 02, 2012

**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): February 27, 2012**

**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.)**

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**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):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02      Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(e) Effective as of February 27, 2012, the compensation committee of the board of directors of Quidel Corporation (the Company ) approved the payout of bonuses to the Company s executive officers per the terms of the Company s 2011 cash incentive compensation plan (the 2011 Cash Bonus Awards ). The 2011 Cash Bonus Awards are set forth on Exhibit 10.1 attached hereto and are incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01      Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

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

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description of Exhibit</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 10.1                      | 2011 Cash Bonus Awards.       |

**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 2, 2012

**QUIDEL CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Randall J. Steward

Name: Randall J. Steward

Its: Chief Financial Officer

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