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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 23, 2010 QUIDEL CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Delaware 0-10961 94-2573850
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) 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)

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

(e) On February 23, 2010, the Board of Directors of Quidel Corporation (the Company) approved an increase in the annual base salary for Douglas C. Bryant, the Company s President and Chief Executive Officer; and, on February 26, 2010, the Compensation Committee approved an increase in the annual base salaries for each of the Company s other executive officers, with all such annual base salary increases effective as of March 1, 2010 (collectively and as set forth on Exhibit 10.1 hereto, the 2010 Annual Base Salaries). The 2010 Annual Base Salaries are set forth on Exhibit 10.1 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:

Exhibit Number Description of Exhibit

10.1 2010 Annual Base Salaries for the Company s Executive Officers, effective as of March 1,

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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 1, 2010

QUIDEL CORPORATION

By: Robert J. Bujarski

Name: Robert J. Bujarski

Its: Senior Vice President, Business

Development and General Counsel

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