

QUIDEL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
February 29, 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 29, 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)

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

92121  
(Zip Code)

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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 29, 2012, Quidel Corporation issued a press release announcing the financial results for its fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2011 and will hold an earnings conference call at 2:00 p.m., Pacific Time, on February 29, 2012 to discuss such results. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K.

The information in this current report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section. The information in this current report on Form 8-K shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**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 February 29, 2012, reporting Quidel Corporation's financial results for its fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2011.

**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: February 29, 2012

**QUIDEL CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Randall J. Steward  
Name: Randall J. Steward  
Its: Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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