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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): December 1, 2008

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):
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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 8.01 Other Events.

On December 2, 2008, Quidel Corporation issued a press release announcing that its board of directors has authorized the Company to repurchase up to an additional \$25 million in shares of its common stock under the Company s previously adopted stock repurchase program. The Company s board of directors initially approved \$25 million for the repurchase of common stock under the stock repurchase program authorized in May 2005 and further approved the repurchase of up to an additional \$25 million of shares of its common stock under the program in March 2007. 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 filed with this current report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit Number Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press release, dated December 2, 2008.

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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: December 3, 2008

QUIDEL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert J. Bujarski Name: Robert J. Bujarski

Its: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and

Corporate Secretary

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