

QUIDEL CORP /DE/
Form 8-K
January 05, 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): **January 5, 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)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02
Principal Officers.**

Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of

On January 5, 2009, Quidel Corporation (the Company) announced that Caren L. Mason, the Company s President and Chief Executive Officer, has notified the Company of her intention to retire from the Company on June 1, 2009. A copy of the Company s press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

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 January 5, 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: January 5, 2009

QUIDEL CORPORATION

By:	/s/ Robert J. Bujarski
Name:	Robert J. Bujarski
Its:	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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