

QUIDEL CORP /DE/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BUECHLER KENNETH F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10165 MCKELLAR COURT

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
QUIDEL CORP /DE/ [QDEL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/15/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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	Derivative Security		Code	V	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
					(A)	(D)				
Restricted Stock Units (Converted)	(1)	05/15/2012	A		996		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	996
Restricted Stock Units (Premium)	(1)	05/15/2012	A		199	05/15/2013		(3)	Common Stock	199
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 15.73	05/15/2012	A		7,800	05/15/2013	05/15/2022		Common Stock	7,800
Restricted Stock Units (Equity Grant)	(1)	05/15/2012	A		2,600	05/15/2013		(4)	Common Stock	2,600

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUECHLER KENNETH F 10165 MCKELLAR COURT SAN DIEGO, CA 92121		X		

## Signatures

Robert J. Bujarski, attorney-in-fact for Kenneth F. Buechler 05/17/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of Quidel Corporation common stock.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest on the date of grant, May 15, 2012.
- (3) The restricted stock units were received in lieu of cash payments to the reporting person for certain retainer and Board of Director service-related fees under a deferred compensation program applicable to participating non-employee directors.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest upon the earlier of (a) immediately prior to the annual meeting of Quidel Corporation's stockholders in 2013 or (b) on the first anniversary of the grant date or May 15, 2013.

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