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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): January 16, 2018

QUIDEL CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Delaware 0-10961 94-2573850

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

12544 High Bluff Drive, Suite 200

San Diego, California

(7:...

92130

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

area code. (656) 552-1100

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate b	ox below if the Form 8-	-K filing is intended	to simultaneously	y satisfy the filing	g obligation of
the Registrant under any	of the following provi	sions (see General In	struction A.2. be	elow):	

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- [] 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))

Indicate by check

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registrant is an

emerging growth

company as

defined in as

defined in Rule

405 of the

Securities Act of

1933 (§230.405

of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

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

Effective January 16, 2018, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Quidel Corporation (the "Company") approved the Company's 2018 cash incentive plan applicable to the Company's executive officers and other members of senior management for the Company's fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 (the "2018 Cash Incentive Compensation Plan"). Payout under the 2018 Cash Incentive Compensation Plan is predicated upon achievement of (i) revenue targets, (ii) EBITDA targets, and (iii) acquisition integration targets, with each of the foregoing as determined by the Board of Directors and/or its Compensation Committee, for the Company's 2018 fiscal year. A description of the 2018 Cash Incentive Compensation Plan and related target bonuses are set forth on Exhibit 10.1 hereto and are incorporated by reference herein.

On January 16, 2018, the Compensation Committee also approved the Company's 2018 Annual Equity Incentive Plan (the "2018 Equity Incentive Plan"). The 2018 Equity Incentive Plan provides for grants of equity awards to eligible employees of the Company, including the Company's executive officers, subject to the terms described below and as set forth on Exhibit 10.2 hereto.

Under the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan, each participating employee receives equity incentive awards in the form of (i) non-qualified stock options; (ii) time-based restricted stock units; and (iii) performance-based restricted stock units. The vesting period for the non-qualified stock options is over four years with the first 50% of such awards vesting at the end of the second-year anniversary of the grant date and the remainder vesting 25% annually on each of the following two anniversaries thereafter. The vesting period for the time-based restricted stock units is 100% of such awards vesting on the four-year anniversary of the grant date. The vesting for the performance-based restricted stock units is 100%, as may be applicable, on the three-year anniversary of the grant date, unless early vesting requirements are met and based on the performance targets set forth on Exhibit 10.2 hereto.

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

2018 Cash

Incentive 10.1

Compensation

<u>Plan.</u>

10.2 2018 Annual

Equity

Incentive Plan

Grants to the

Company's

Executive Officers.

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 22, 2018 QUIDEL CORPORATION

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

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10.1

2018 Cash Incentive
Compensation Plan.
2018 Annual Equity
Incentive Plan Grants to
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Officers.