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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): October 27, 2004

QUIDEL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in 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 the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):
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o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 27, 2004, Quidel Corporation issued a press release announcing the financial results for its third quarter of 2004 and will hold an earnings conference call at 2:00 p.m., Pacific Time, on October 27, 2004 to discuss such results. 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.

(c) Exhibits:

The following exhibit is furnished with this current report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit Number Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press release, dated October 27, 2004, reporting Quidel Corporation s financial results for its third fiscal quarter of 2004.

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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 shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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: October 27, 2004

QUIDEL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Paul E. Landers Name: Paul E. Landers

Its: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

and Secretary

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