

QUIDEL CORP /DE/  
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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 \*  
Mason Caren L

(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)  
10/28/2008

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)  
President and CEO

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 (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	10/28/2008		M		220,000 A \$ 3.46	391,162 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008		M		26,561 A \$ 12.23	417,723	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008		S		5,903 D \$ 14.5	411,820	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008		S		300 D \$ 14.53	411,520	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008		S		271 D \$ 14.54	411,249	D

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Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	1,800	D	\$ 14.56	409,449	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	6,100	D	\$ 14.59	403,349	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	200	D	\$ 14.6	403,149	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	2,100	D	\$ 14.61	401,049	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	200	D	\$ 14.62	400,849	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	1,200	D	\$ 14.68	399,649	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	200	D	\$ 14.69	399,449	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	300	D	\$ 14.7	399,149	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	4,800	D	\$ 14.75	394,349	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	200	D	\$ 14.76	394,149	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	100	D	\$ 14.79	394,049	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	400	D	\$ 14.8	393,649	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	1,200	D	\$ 14.81	392,449	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	100	D	\$ 14.82	392,349	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	900	D	\$ 14.83	391,449	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	3,800	D	\$ 14.84	387,649	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	1,500	D	\$ 14.85	386,149	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	200	D	\$ 14.86	385,949	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	1,000	D	\$ 14.87	384,949	D
Common Stock	10/28/2008	S	2,000	D	\$ 14.88	382,949	D
	10/28/2008	S	700	D		382,249	D

Common Stock \$ 14.89

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 Derivative Security	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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 3.46	10/28/2008		M	220,000	08/20/2008 08/20/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 12.23	10/28/2008		M	26,561	09/21/2008 03/23/2016	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mason Caren L 10165 MCKELLAR COURT SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

Robert J. Bujarski, attorney-in-fact for Caren L. Mason 10/30/2008

\_\_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) The Reporting Person's beneficial ownership as of this date reflects the cancellation of 18,000 performance shares in March 2008.

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