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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Page Lawrence | | orting Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Google Inc. [GOOG] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check an applicable) | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | _X_ Director _X_ 10% Owner | |
| C/O GOOGL AMPHITHE | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | 02/11/2013 | _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer | |
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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tal | ole I - Non- | -Derivative | e Secu | rities Acquire | d, Disposed of, o | or Beneficially | y Owned |
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| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit on Disposed (Instr. 3, 4) | of (D) | | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Class A Common Stock (1) | 02/11/2013 | | C | 20,833 | A | \$ 0 | 30,833 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock (1) | 02/11/2013 | | S | 300 | D | \$ 774.7933 (2) | 30,533 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock (1) | 02/11/2013 | | S | 500 | D | \$ 775.888 (3) | 30,033 | D | |
| Class A Common | 02/11/2013 | | S | 3,271 | D | \$ 777.0014 | 26,762 | D | |

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| Stock (1) | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|---|-------|---|------------------------------|--------|---|
| Class A Common Stock (1) | 02/11/2013 | S | 6,454 | D | \$ 777.7807 <u>(5)</u> | 20,308 | D |
| Class A Common Stock (1) | 02/11/2013 | S | 4,624 | D | \$ 778.6795 <u>(6)</u> | 15,684 | D |
| Class A Common Stock (1) | 02/11/2013 | S | 1,348 | D | \$ 779.6548 (7) | 14,336 | D |
| Class A Common Stock (1) | 02/11/2013 | S | 700 | D | \$ 780.5686 (8) | 13,636 | D |
| Class A Common Stock (1) | 02/11/2013 | S | 1,988 | D | \$ 782.0191 <u>(9)</u> | 11,648 | D |
| Class A Common Stock (1) | 02/11/2013 | S | 1,648 | D | \$ 782.5252 (10) | 10,000 | D |

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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Class B Common Stock | \$ 0 | 02/11/2013 | | C | 20,83 | 3 (11) | (12) | Class A Common Stock | 20,833 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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C/O GOOGLE INC.
1600 AMPHITHEATRE PARKWAY
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043

Relationships

Other

Signatures

/s/ Valentina Margulis as attorney-in-fact for Lawrence Page

02/12/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- (1) Each share of Class A Common Stock was issued upon the conversion of one share of Class B Common Stock at the election of Reporting Person.
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- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$775.31.00 to \$776.30, inclusive.
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- (11) All shares are exercisable as of the transaction date.
- (12) There is no expiration date for the Issuer's Class B Common Stock.

Remarks:

All of the sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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adequate for all open years based on an assessment of many factors, including past experience and interpretations of tax law applied to the facts of each matter.

Note 7. Line of Credit

On August 10, 2012, the Company entered into an amended and restated \$140.0 million senior secured syndicated credit facility (the Senior Credit Facility), which matures on August 10, 2017. The Senior Credit Facility amended and restated the Company s \$120.0 million senior secured credit facility dated October 8, 2008. As part of this amendment, the Company incurred an additional \$1.0 million in deferred financing costs related to the Senior Credit Facility. The Company had previously recorded \$0.6 million related to the original credit facility. Deferred financing costs are amortized on a straight line basis over the term of the Senior Credit Facility. As of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company had deferred financing costs of \$1.4 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, included as a portion of other non-current assets. The Senior Credit Facility bears interest at either the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) or the base rate, plus, in each case, the applicable margin. The base rate is equal to the highest of (i) the lender s prime rate, (ii) the federal funds rate plus one-half of one percent and (iii) LIBOR plus one percent. The applicable margin is generally determined in accordance with a performance pricing grid based on the Company s leverage ratio and ranges from 1.25% to 2.50% for LIBOR rate loans and from 0.25% to 1.50% for base rate loans. The interest rate was 1.46% for the three month period ended March 31, 2013. The agreement governing the Senior Credit Facility is subject to certain customary limitations, including among others: limitation on liens; limitation on mergers, consolidations and sales of assets; limitation on debt; limitation on dividends, stock redemptions and the redemption and/or prepayment of other debt; limitation on investments (including loans and advances) and acquisitions; limitation on transactions with affiliates; and limitation on disposition of assets. The Company is also subject to financial covenants which include a funded debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio (as defined in the Senior Credit Facility, with adjusted EBITDA generally calculated as earnings before, among other adjustments, interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, and stock-based compensation) not to exceed 3:1 as of the end of each fiscal quarter, and an interest coverage ratio of not less than 3:1 as of the end of each fiscal quarter. The Senior Credit Facility is secured by substantially all present and future assets and properties of the Company.

As of March 31, 2013, the Company had \$140.0 million available under the Senior Credit Facility. The Company s ability to borrow under the Senior Credit Facility fluctuates from time to time due to, among other factors, the Company s borrowings under the facility and its funded debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio. As of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company had \$0 and \$5.0 million, respectively, outstanding under the Senior Credit Facility. As of March 31, 2013, the Company was in compliance with all financial covenants.

Note 8. Stockholders Equity

Issuances and Repurchases of Common Stock

During the three months ended March 31, 2013, 54,548 shares of common stock were issued in conjunction with the vesting and release of restricted stock units, 289,599 shares of common stock were issued due to the exercise of stock options and 24,733 shares of common stock were issued in connection with the Company s employee stock purchase plan (the ESPP), resulting in net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$3.5 million. Additionally, during the three months ended March 31, 2013, 25,312 shares of outstanding common stock with a value of \$0.6 million were repurchased in connection with payment of minimum tax withholding obligations for certain employees relating to the lapse of restrictions on certain restricted stock awards. At March 31, 2013, the Company was authorized by its board of directors to repurchase up to \$22.1 million in shares of its common stock under the Company s previously announced share repurchase program. On April 23, 2013, the Company announced that the board of directors had authorized an increase in the amount available under the share repurchase program to \$50.0 million, inclusive of the \$22.1 million available at March 31, 2013. The share repurchase program was extended through April 22, 2015.

Stock-Based Compensation

The compensation expense related to the Company s stock-based compensation plans included in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 was as follows (in millions):

| | e | e months inded irch 31, |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Cost of sales | \$ 0.2 | \$ 0.1 |
| Research and development | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Sales and marketing | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| General and administrative | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| | \$ 2.1 | \$ 1.9 |

Total compensation expense recognized for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 includes \$1.3 million and \$1.0 million related to stock options and \$0.8 million and \$0.9 million related to restricted stock, respectively. As of March 31, 2013, total unrecognized compensation expense related to non-vested stock options was \$6.4 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 2.6 years. As of March 31, 2013, total unrecognized compensation expense related to non-vested restricted stock was \$1.9 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 1.5 years. Compensation expense capitalized to inventory and compensation expense related to the Company s ESPP were not material for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

The estimated fair value of each stock option award was determined on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option valuation model with the following weighted-average assumptions for the option grants.

| | ene | months ded ch 31, |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Expected option life (in years) | 5.51 | 5.51 |
| Volatility rate | 44% | 46% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.86% | 0.84% |
| Dividend rate | 0% | 0% |

The weighted-average grant date fair value of stock options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$9.12 and \$6.49, respectively. The Company granted 477,622 and 572,466 stock options during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The weighted-average grant date fair value of restricted stock granted during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$23.00 and \$15.27, respectively. The Company granted 48,575 and 99,850 shares of restricted stock during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The grant date fair value of restricted stock is determined based on the closing market price of the Company s common stock on the grant date.

Note 9. Industry and Geographic Information

The Company operates in one reportable segment. Sales to customers outside the U.S. represented \$7.4 million (12%) and \$5.5 million (15%) of total revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. As of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, balances due from foreign customers were \$3.5 million and \$2.8 million, respectively.

The Company had sales to individual customers in excess of 10% of total revenue, as follows:

| | Three r end Marc | ed |
|-----------|------------------------|------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Customer: | | |
| A | 15% | 17% |
| В | 13% | 10% |
| C | 10% | 7% |
| | | |
| | 38% | 34% |

As of March 31, 2013, accounts receivable from customers with balances due in excess of 10% of total accounts receivable totaled \$3.6 million while, at December 31, 2012, accounts receivable from customers with balances due in excess of 10% of total accounts receivable totaled \$22.4 million. The 2012 percentages have been modified to incorporate consolidations in our customer base.

Note 10. Commitments and Contingencies

Legal

The Company is involved in various claims and litigation matters from time to time in the ordinary course of business. Management believes that all such current legal actions, in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on the Company. The Company also maintains insurance, including coverage for product liability claims, in amounts which management believes are appropriate given the nature of its business. At March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company had \$0.3 million accrued as a liability for various legal matters where the Company deemed the liability probable and estimable.

Licensing Arrangements

The Company has entered into various other licensing and royalty agreements, which largely require payments based on specified product sales as well as the achievement of specified milestones. The Company had royalty and license expenses relating to those agreements of \$0.4 million for both the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

Research and Development Agreements

The Company has entered into various research and development agreements which provide it with rights to develop, manufacture and market products using the intellectual property and technology of its collaborative partners. Under the terms of certain of these agreements, the Company is required to make periodic payments based on the Company s achievement of certain milestones or resource expenditures. These milestones generally include achievement of prototype assays, validation lots and clinical trials. At March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, total current commitments due under the terms of these agreements are estimated at \$0.8 million and \$2.1 million, respectively. The commitments will fluctuate as we agree to new phases of development under the existing arrangements.

Note 11. Lease Obligation

During 1999, the Company completed a sale and leaseback transaction of its San Diego facility. The facility was sold for \$15.0 million, of which \$3.8 million was capital contributed by the Company. The sale was an all cash transaction, netting the Company approximately \$7.0 million. The Company is a 25% limited partner in the partnership that acquired the facility. The transaction was deemed a financing transaction under the guidance in ASC Topic 840-40, Accounting for Sales of Real Estate. The assets sold remain on the books of the Company and will continue to be depreciated over the estimated useful life. In December 2009, the Company amended the terms of its lease agreement which had no significant impact on the Company s financial statements. The amended terms include a new ten-year lease term through December 2019, with options to extend the lease for up to three additional five-year periods. The Company will amortize the lease obligation over this new term. The amount of the monthly rental payments remains the same under the amendment. The combined carrying value of the land and building subject to this lease, net of accumulated depreciation, was \$2.2 million and \$2.3 million as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. In addition, the Company has the option to purchase the general partner s interest in the partnership in January 2015 for a fixed price. The Company has determined that the partnership is a variable interest entity (VIE). The Company is not, however, the primary beneficiary of the VIE as it does not absorb the majority of the partnership s expected losses or receive a majority of the partnership s residual returns. The Company made lease payments to the partnership of approximately \$0.3 million for each of the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

Note 12. Fair Value Measurement

ASC Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures requires the valuation of assets and liabilities subject to fair value measurements using a three tiered approach and fair value measurement be classified and disclosed by the Company in one of the following three categories:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;

Level 2: Quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs which are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability;

Level 3: Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (i.e. supported by little or no market activity).

As of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the carrying amount of the Company s cash equivalents approximates fair value. Cash equivalents primarily consisted of funds held in a money market account. The carrying value of cash equivalents was \$11.0 million and was determined based on Level 1 inputs as of both of the periods ended March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012.

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As of December 31, 2012, the carrying amount of the Company s Senior Credit Facility approximates fair value because it has a variable interest rate that reflects market changes to interest rates and changes in the Company s leverage ratio. As of December 31, 2012, the Company used Level 2 inputs to determine the fair value of its Senior Credit Facility.

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ITEM 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations
In this quarterly report, all references to we, our and us refer to Quidel Corporation and its subsidiaries.

Future Uncertainties and Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws that involve material risks, assumptions and uncertainties. Many possible events or factors could affect our future financial results and performance, such that our actual results and performance may differ materially from those that may be described or implied in the forward-looking statements. As such, no forward-looking statement can be guaranteed. Differences in actual results and performance may arise as a result of a number of factors including, without limitation, fluctuations in our operating results resulting from seasonality; the timing of the onset, length and severity of cold and flu seasons; government and media attention focused on influenza and the related potential impact on humans from novel influenza viruses; adverse changes in competitive conditions in domestic and international markets; the reimbursement system currently in place and future changes to that system; changes in economic conditions in our domestic and international markets; changes in sales levels as it relates to the absorption of our fixed costs; lower than anticipated market penetration of our products; the quantity of our product in our distributors inventory or distribution channels and changes in the buying patterns of our distributors; our development of new technologies, products and markets; our development and protection of intellectual property; our reliance on a limited number of key distributors; our reliance on sales of our influenza diagnostics tests; our ability to manage our growth strategy, including our ability to integrate companies or technologies we have acquired or may acquire; intellectual property risks, including but not limited to, infringement litigation; limitations and covenants in our senior credit facility; that we may incur significant additional indebtedness; our need for additional funds to finance our operating needs; volatility and disruption in the global capital and credit markets; acceptance of our products among physicians and other healthcare providers; competition with other providers of POC diagnostic products; changes in government policies; adverse actions or delays in product reviews by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the FDA); compliance with other government regulations, such as safe working conditions, manufacturing practices, environmental protection, fire hazard and disposal of hazardous substances; third-party reimbursement policies; our ability to meet demand for our products; interruptions in our supply of raw materials; product defects; business risks not covered by insurance; the loss of key personnel; international risks, including but not limited to, compliance with product registration requirements, exposure to currency exchange fluctuations, longer payment cycles, lower selling prices and greater difficulty in collecting accounts receivable, reduced protection of intellectual property rights, political and economic instability, taxes, and diversion of lower priced international products into US markets; our failure to maintain adequate internal control over financial reporting; volatility in our stock price; dilution resulting from future sales of our equity; and provisions in our charter documents and Delaware law that might delay stockholder actions with respect to business combinations or the election of directors. Forward-looking statements typically are identified by the use of terms such as may, will, should, might, expect, and similar words, although some forward-looking statements are expressed differently. Forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report include, among others, statements concerning: our outlook for the upcoming fiscal year, including projections about our revenue, gross margins, and expenses; the sufficiency of our liquidity and capital resources; the sufficiency of our tax position and the future impact of deferred tax assets or liabilities; the expected vesting periods of unrecognized compensation expense; expected receipts of milestone payments relating to grants and collaborative agreements; that we may enter into foreign currency risk sharing agreements; and our intention to continue to evaluate technology and Company acquisition opportunities. The risks described under Risk Factors in Item 1A of this Report on Form 10-Q and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, and elsewhere herein and in reports and registration statements that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) from time to time, should be carefully considered. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect management s analysis only as of the date of this Quarterly Report. The following should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto beginning on page 3 of this Quarterly Report. We undertake no obligation to publicly release the results of any revision or update of these forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

Overview

We have a leadership position in the development, manufacturing and marketing of rapid diagnostic testing solutions. These diagnostic testing solutions primarily include applications in infectious diseases, women shealth and gastrointestinal diseases. We sell our products directly to end users and distributors, in each case, for professional use in physician offices, hospitals, clinical laboratories, reference laboratories, public health laboratories, leading universities, retail clinics and wellness screening centers. We market our products in the U.S. through a network of national and regional distributors, and a direct sales force. Internationally, we sell and market primarily in Japan and Europe through distributor arrangements.

Outlook

We anticipate revenue and earnings growth for fiscal year 2013 as compared to 2012, driven primarily by increased sales and margin of Sofia and molecular assays. We expect to continue a significant investment in research and development, divided relatively equally between the Sofia and molecular programs. Further, we expect a modest increase in the size of our U.S. sales organization concomitant with an expected higher number of product introductions versus prior years. While our main focus is on prudently managing our business and delivering solid financial results, we will continue to evaluate opportunities to acquire new product lines, technologies and companies that would enable us to more quickly build a broader-based diagnostic company.

Three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2012

Total Revenues

The following table compares total revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands, except percentages):

| | For the thi ended M | ree months larch 31, | Increase (Decrease) | |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | \$ | % |
| Infectious disease net product sales | \$ 49,406 | \$ 26,354 | \$ 23,052 | 87% |
| Women s health net product sales | 8,613 | 8,259 | 354 | 4% |
| Gastrointestinal disease net product sales | 1,526 | 1,610 | (84) | -5% |
| Other net product sales | 1,474 | 1,301 | 173 | 13% |
| Royalty, license fees and grant revenue | 976 | 436 | 540 | 124% |
| | | | | |
| Total revenues | \$ 61,995 | \$ 37,960 | \$ 24,035 | 63% |

For the three months ended March 31, 2013, total revenue increased 63% to \$62.0 million from \$38.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012. The increase in total revenues was largely related to a stronger 2012/2013 cold and flu season as compared to the prior season. The increase in total revenues was also driven by sales of Sofia related products in the three months ended March 31, 2013 as compared to minimal Sofia related sales for the three months ended March 31, 2012 as the product had just been recently launched. Revenues in other product categories remained relatively constant period over period.

Royalty, license fees and grant revenue primarily relates to \$0.6 million earned for the three months ended March 31, 2013 in conjunction with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant as more fully described in Note 1 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this quarterly report.

Cost of Sales

Cost of sales was \$19.5 million, or 32% of total revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2013, compared to \$14.8 million, or 39% of total revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2012. The absolute dollar increase in cost of sales is primarily related to the variable nature of direct costs (material and labor) associated with the 63% increase in total revenues. The decrease in cost of sales as a percentage of total revenues is primarily driven by a shift in product mix as flu sales were higher in the first quarter of 2013 compared to 2012.

Operating Expenses

The following table compares operating expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands, except percentages):

| | | For the thi | ree months | | | | |
|--|-----------|-------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|------|--|
| | | ended M | Iarch 31, | | | | |
| | 2013 2012 | | | 12 | Increase (Decrease) | | |
| | As a % | | | | | | |
| | | of | | As a % of | | | |
| | Operating | total | Operating | total | | | |
| | expenses | revenues | expenses | revenues | \$ | % | |
| Research and development | \$ 7,524 | 12% | \$ 8,504 | 22% | \$ (980) | -12% | |
| Sales and marketing | 8,442 | 14% | 6,536 | 17% | 1,906 | 29% | |
| General and administrative | 7,529 | 12% | 5,924 | 16% | 1,605 | 27% | |
| Amortization of intangible assets from acquired businesses and | | | | | | | |
| technology | 1,764 | 3% | 1,718 | 5% | 46 | 3% | |
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Research and Development Expense

Research and development expense for the three months ended March 31, 2013 decreased from \$8.5 million to \$7.5 million primarily due to the reimbursement of \$1.1 million of costs in the first quarter of 2013 associated with our collaboration agreement with Life Technologies Corporation, as more fully described in Note 1 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this quarterly report.

Research and development expenses include direct external costs such as fees paid to consultants, and internal direct and indirect costs such as compensation and other expenses for research and development personnel, supplies and materials, clinical trials and studies, facility costs and depreciation.

Due to the risks inherent in the product development process and given the early-stage of development of certain projects, we are unable to estimate with meaningful certainty the costs we will incur in the continued development of our product candidates for commercialization, and we have not historically tracked research and development costs by individual project. However, we expect our research and development costs to be substantial as we move other product candidates into preclinical and clinical trials and advance our existing product candidates into later stages of development.

Sales and Marketing Expense

Sales and marketing expense for the three months ended March 31, 2013 increased from \$6.5 million to \$8.4 million. Starting at the end of the first quarter of 2012 and continuing throughout 2012, we made a substantial investment in our sales organization to support new product growth, including an increase in personnel, travel, and training costs related to new products. Other key components of this expense relate to continued investment in existing products and customer marketing programs.

General and Administrative Expense

General and administrative expense for the three months ended March 31, 2013 increased from \$5.9 million to \$7.5 million primarily due to the 2.3% medical devise excise tax that went into effect in 2013, resulting in \$0.7 million of expense in the three months ended March 31, 2013. The increase was also partially due to \$0.4 million of professional services related to business development activities. An additional driver of the increase was an increase in incentive compensation of \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013 related to an increase in total revenues and earnings.

We expect general and administrative expenses to increase in the remaining nine months of 2013 relative to 2012 as a result of the 2.3% medical device excise tax.

Amortization of Intangible Assets from Acquired Businesses and Technology

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Amortization of intangible assets from acquired businesses consists of customer relationships, purchased technology and patents and trademarks acquired in connection with our acquisition of Diagnostic Hybrids, Inc. (DHI). Amortization of intangible assets from acquired technology consists primarily of expense associated with purchased technology.

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Other Income (Expense)

Interest expense primarily relates to interest paid on borrowings under the Senior Credit Facility and interest paid on our lease obligation associated with our San Diego facility. The reduction in the outstanding principal balance under the line of credit from \$19.0 million as of March 31, 2012 to \$0 as of March 31, 2013 resulted in a reduction to interest expense of \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

Income Taxes

Our effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 was 27.2% and 37.0%, respectively. We recognized an income tax expense of \$4.6 million and \$30,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. On January 3, 2013, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 was signed into law reinstating the federal research and development credit for the 2012 and 2013 years. As a result, the benefit related to the 2012 federal research and development credit of approximately \$0.5 million was recorded in the first quarter of 2013 as a discrete item. The benefit related to 2013 is included in the full year effective tax rate.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, our principal sources of liquidity consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 44,375 | \$ 14,856 |
| Restricted cash included in prepaid expenses and other current assets | 1,523 | 2,156 |
| Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash | \$ 45,898 | \$ 17,012 |
| Working capital including cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash | \$ 68,738 | \$ 52,271 |
| Amount available to borrow under the Senior Credit Facility | \$ 140,000 | \$ 110,359 |

During the year ended December 31, 2012, we received cash, pursuant to a grant agreement, which is restricted as to use until expenditures contemplated in the grant are made. As of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we recorded this restricted cash as a component of prepaid expenses and other current assets as we anticipate making expenditures under the grant in 2013. The amount available to us under our Senior Credit Facility can fluctuate from time to time due to, among other factors, our funded debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio.

Cash provided by operating activities was \$34.4 million during the three months ended March 31, 2013. We had net income of \$12.4 million, including non-cash charges of \$9.2 million of depreciation and amortization of intangible assets and property and equipment, and stock-based compensation. We also had a decrease in accounts receivable of \$18.5 million due to the seasonal nature of our business. Cash provided by operating activities was \$3.7 million during the three months ended March 31, 2012. We had net income of \$51,000, including non-cash charges of \$7.4 million of depreciation and amortization of intangible assets and property and equipment, and stock-based compensation.

Our investing activities used \$3.7 million during the three months ended March 31, 2013 primarily related to the acquisition of production equipment, instruments available for lease and building improvements. Our investing activities used \$15.9 million during the three months ended March 31, 2012 primarily related to the acquisition of intangibles associated with our exercise of an option under an agreement with Alere, which allowed us to buy-out any remaining future royalty obligation for a fixed cash payment in the amount of \$15.7 million less \$1.0 million of specified third quarter 2011 royalties. In addition, we used cash for investing activities associated with the acquisition of production and scientific equipment, and building improvements during the three months ended March 31, 2012.

Cash used for financing activities of \$1.2 million during the three months ended March 31, 2013 primarily related to repayments under our Senior Credit Facility of \$5.0 million, which were partially offset by proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of repurchases of \$3.0 million. Cash used for financing activities of \$27.6 million during the three

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months ended March 31, 2012 was primarily related to repayments under our Senior Credit Facility of \$23.0 million, and repurchases of 200,400 shares of our common stock under our share repurchase program at a cost of approximately \$2.9 million as well as 31,304 shares of our common stock withheld from employees in connection with payment of minimum tax withholding obligations related to the lapse of restrictions on certain restricted stock awards at a cost of approximately \$0.5 million.

On August 10, 2012, we entered into an amended and restated \$140.0 million Senior Credit Facility, which matures on August 10, 2017. The Senior Credit Facility amended and restated our \$120.0 million senior secured credit facility dated October 8, 2008. As part of this amendment, we incurred an additional \$1.0 million in deferred financing costs related to the Senior Credit Facility. We had previously recorded \$0.6 million related to the original credit facility. As of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we had \$1.4 million and \$1.5 million of deferred financing costs included as a portion of other non-current assets. The Senior Credit Facility bears interest at either LIBOR or the base rate, plus, in each case, the applicable margin. The base rate is equal to the highest of (i) the lender s prime rate, (ii) the federal funds rate plus one-half of one percent and (iii) LIBOR plus one percent. The applicable margin is generally determined in accordance with a performance pricing grid based on our leverage ratio and ranges from 1.25% to 2.50% for LIBOR rate loans and from 0.25% to 1.50% for base rate loans. The weighted average interest rate was 1.46% for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The agreement governing the Senior Credit Facility is subject to certain customary limitations, including among others: limitation on liens; limitation on mergers, consolidations and sales of assets; limitation on debt; limitation on dividends, stock redemptions and the redemption and/or prepayment of other debt; limitation on investments (including loans and advances) and acquisitions; limitation on transactions with affiliates; and limitation on disposition of assets. We are also subject to financial covenants which include a funded debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio (as defined in the Senior Credit Facility) not to exceed 3:1 as of the end of each fiscal quarter, and an interest coverage ratio of not less than 3:1 as of the end of each fiscal quarter. The Senior Credit Facility is secured by substantially all of our present and future assets and properties. Our ability to borrow under the Senior Credit Facility fluctuates from time to time due to, among other factors, our borrowings under the facility and our funded debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio. At March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we had \$0 and \$5.0 million outstanding under the Senior Credit Facility, respectively. As of March 31, 2013, we were in compliance with all financial covenants.

Our cash requirements fluctuate as a result of numerous factors, such as the extent to which we generate cash from operations, progress in research and development projects, competition and technological developments and the time and expenditures required to obtain governmental approval of our products. In addition, we intend to continue to evaluate candidates for acquisitions or technology licensing. If we determine to proceed with any such transactions, we may need to incur additional debt, or issue additional equity, to successfully complete the transactions. Based on our current cash position and our current assessment of future operating results, we believe that our existing sources of liquidity will be adequate to meet our operating needs during the next 12 months.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

At March 31, 2013, we did not have any relationships or other arrangements with unconsolidated entities or financial partners, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. As such, we are not materially exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships.

New Accounting Standard

In July 2012, the FASB issued ASU No. 2012-02, *Intangibles Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Testing Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets for Impairment*, (ASU 2012-02), to simplify the testing for a decrease in value of intangible assets such as trademarks, patents, and distribution rights. The amended standard reduces the cost of accounting for indefinite-lived intangible assets, especially in cases where the likelihood of impairment is low. The changes permit businesses and other organizations to first use subjective criteria to determine if an intangible asset has lost value. The amendments to U.S. GAAP were effective January 1, 2013. The adoption of ASU 2012-02 did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

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Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based on our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to revenue recognition, customer programs and incentives, reserve for uncollectible accounts, inventory valuation, intangible assets, software development costs, stock-based compensation, restructuring, contingencies and litigation, and income taxes. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

A comprehensive discussion of our critical accounting policies and management estimates is included in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk

The fair market value of our floating interest rate debt is subject to interest rate risk. Generally, the fair market value of floating interest rate debt will vary as interest rates increase or decrease. We had \$0 outstanding under our Senior Credit Facility at March 31, 2013. The interest rate on our Senior Credit Facility is currently 1.46%. Based on our market risk sensitive instruments outstanding at March 31, 2013, we have determined that such instruments do not expose our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows to material market risk as of such date.

Our current investment policy with respect to our cash and cash equivalents focuses on maintaining acceptable levels of interest rate risk and liquidity. Although we continually evaluate our placement of investments, as of March 31, 2013, our cash and cash equivalents were placed in money market or overnight funds that we believe are highly liquid and not subject to material market fluctuation risk.

Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

The majority of our international sales are negotiated for and paid in U.S. dollars. Nonetheless, these sales are subject to currency risks, since changes in the values of foreign currencies relative to the value of the U.S. dollar can render our products comparatively more expensive. These exchange rate fluctuations could negatively affect international sales of our products, as could changes in the general economic conditions in those markets. Continued change in the values of the Euro, the Japanese Yen and other foreign currencies could have a negative impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We do not currently hedge against exchange rate fluctuations, which means that we are fully exposed to exchange rate changes. In addition, we have a supply agreement with a foreign vendor whereby we evenly share the foreign currency exchange fluctuation risk. We may, in the future, enter into similar such arrangements.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures: We have performed an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act). Based on that evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2013 to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports filed or submitted by us under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC s rules and forms.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting: There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2013 that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

The information set forth in the section entitled Legal under Note 10 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Part I, Item I of this Report, is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

There has been no material change in our risk factors as previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012. For a detailed description of our risk factors, refer to Item 1A, Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The table below sets forth information regarding repurchases of our common stock by us during the three months ended March 31, 2013:

| Period | Total number of shares purchased(1) | Average price paid per share | Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs | value may ye | oximate dollar of shares that et be purchased lans or programs (2) |
|----------|---|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| January | 11,147 | \$ 21.36 | | \$ | 22,081,000 |
| February | 13,392 | 22.70 | | | 22,081,000 |
| March | 773 | 24.16 | | | 22,081,000 |
| Total | 25,312 | \$ 22.15 | | \$ | 22,081,000 |

- (1) We withheld 25,312 shares of common stock from employees in connection with payment of minimum tax withholding obligations relating to the lapse of restrictions on certain restricted stock awards during the three months ended March 31, 2013.
- (2) On November 28, 2011, we announced that our Board of Directors authorized us to repurchase up to an aggregate of \$25.0 million in shares of our common stock under our stock repurchase program. Any shares of common stock repurchased under this program will no longer be deemed outstanding upon repurchase and will be returned to the pool of authorized shares. The repurchase program was set to expire on November 8, 2013. On April 23, 2013, the repurchase program was increased to \$50.0 million in shares of our common stock, and was extended through April 22, 2015.

ITEM 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. Other Information

None.

ITEM 6. Exhibits

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- ** Pursuant to applicable securities laws and regulations, we are deemed to have complied with the reporting obligation relating to the submission of interactive data files in such exhibits and are not subject to liability under any anti-fraud provisions of the federal securities laws as long as we have made a good faith attempt to comply with the submission requirements and promptly amend the interactive data files after becoming aware that the interactive data files fail to comply with the submission requirements. Users of this data are advised that, pursuant to Rule 406T, these interactive data files are deemed not filed and otherwise are not subject to liability.
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 24, 2013

QUIDEL CORPORATION

/s/ DOUGLAS C. BRYANT Douglas C. Bryant President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ RANDALL J. STEWARD Randall J. Steward Chief Financial Officer

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