

QUIDEL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
July 15, 2004

**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): **July 13, 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**

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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**Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.**

On July 13, 2004, Quidel Corporation filed a press release announcing that S. Wayne Kay, President, Chief Executive Officer and director, will leave the Company but intends to stay until a successor has been named. In addition, the Company announced that Mark Paiz, currently Senior Vice President, Technology and Business Development, has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer. A copy of the Company's press release dated July 13, 2004 is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits:

The following exhibits are filed with this report on Form 8-K:

| Exhibit Number | Description of Exhibit              |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 99.1           | Press release, dated July 13, 2004. |

**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: July 15, 2004

**QUIDEL CORPORATION**

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| By:   | /s/ Paul E. Landers   |
| Name: | Paul E. Landers   |
| Its:  | Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration, Chief<br>Financial Officer and Secretary |

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