

QUIDEL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
February 27, 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): **February 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)

**Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 27, 2004, Quidel Corporation issued a press release announcing its revised 2004 financial guidance due to expected litigation expenses for previously announced patent lawsuits. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Current Report, 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 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: February 27, 2004

**QUIDEL CORPORATION**

By:	/s/ Paul E. Landers
Name:	Paul E. Landers
Its:	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99.1	Press release dated February 27, 2004.