

QUIDEL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
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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): January 5, 2018

QUIDEL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Delaware 0-10961 94-2573850  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

12544 High Bluff Drive, Suite 200  
San Diego, California 92130  
(Address of principal executive offices) (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 of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Indicate by check  
mark whether the  
registrant is an  
emerging growth  
company as  
defined in as  
defined in Rule  
405 of the  
Securities Act of  
1933 (§230.405

of this chapter)  
or Rule 12b-2 of  
the Securities  
Exchange Act of  
1934

(§240.12b-2 of  
this chapter).

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If an emerging  
growth company,  
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registrant has  
elected not to use  
the extended  
transition period  
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with any new or  
revised financial  
accounting  
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pursuant to  
Section 13(a) of  
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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

The discussion concerning the Summers Ridge Lease under Item 8.01 below is incorporated by reference herein. This discussion is qualified in its entirety by the terms of the Summers Ridge Lease, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

The discussion concerning the sale of the SR Property under Item 8.01 is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2.03 Creation of Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 5, 2018, Quidel Cardiovascular, Inc. (“QCI” or “Seller”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Quidel Corporation (“Quidel” or the “Company”), and Quidel entered into a sale and leaseback transaction (the “Transaction”) under which QCI sold and Quidel leased back the Summers Ridge property (the “SR Property”) that was acquired as part of the “Triage Business,” described in the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 6, 2017 (the “October 2017 Form 8-K”). The SR Property consists of certain real property and related assets, including the following buildings:

- Building A, consisting of approximately 54,042 rentable square feet;
- Building B, consisting of approximately 70,419 rentable square feet;
- Building C, consisting of 92,570 rentable square feet;
- Building D, consisting of 71,644 rentable square feet; and
- an Amenity Center, consisting of 27,856 rentable square feet.

The SR Property was sold to an affiliate of Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. for a purchase price of \$148.65 million; \$5 million of such proceeds are subject to a holdback and will be released to Seller upon completion of certain post-closing actions. As part of the closing, Buyer assumed Seller’s obligations under those certain Lease Agreements dated as of October 6, 2017 (the “Building A and B Leases”), between QCI, as landlord, and Alere San Diego, Inc., as tenant (“Alere”), relating to a portion of Building A and all of Building B (collectively, the “Building A and B Premises”).

Buyer, as Landlord, and Quidel, as Tenant, also entered into a Lease Agreement dated as of January 5, 2018 (the “Summers Ridge Lease”), pursuant to which Tenant will lease all of Building C and D and the Amenity Center (collectively, the “Premises”) from Buyer/Landlord for a term of 15 years, commencing on January 5, 2018 and terminating on January 31, 2033 (the “Initial Term”). The Initial Term can be extended by Tenant for two additional five year terms upon satisfaction of certain conditions.

Base rent for the Premises must be paid over the Initial Term on an absolute triple net basis. The initial yearly base rent is approximately \$6 million, which includes approximately \$0.8 million for the Amenity Center (a portion of which costs will be charged to tenants of the SR Property). Base rent is subject to future adjustments as further

described in the terms of the Summers Ridge Lease, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein. In addition to the base rent, Tenant must pay all operating expenses in connection with the Premises.

As disclosed in the October 2017 Form 8-K, the Credit Agreement, dated as of October 6, 2017, by and among Quidel, as Borrower, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, swing-line lender and L/C issuer, and the other lenders party thereto (the "Credit Agreement") required Quidel to use commercially reasonable efforts to consummate a sale leaseback transaction with respect to the SR Property within 180 days of the closing of the Credit Agreement. The Company must utilize at least 70% of the net cash proceeds (as defined in the Credit Agreement) of the Transaction to pay down borrowings under the

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Credit Agreement. Pursuant to this provision, the Company will immediately pay \$100 million of the net cash proceeds from the Transaction to the lenders under the Credit Agreement to pay down a portion of the outstanding Term Loans. Following such payment, the Company will have remaining Term Loans outstanding under the Credit Agreement in the amount of approximately \$145 million. Separately, the Company will also pay off the entire outstanding \$10 million balance on its Revolving Credit Loans.

In addition, on January 5, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing completion of the Transaction. 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.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
<u>10.1</u>	<u>Summers Ridge Lease Press release, dated January 5, 2018.</u>
<u>99.1</u>	<u>announcing the completion of the Sale Leaseback Transaction</u>

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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: January 8, 2018

QUIDEL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Randall J. Steward

Name: Randall J. Steward

Its: Chief Financial Officer

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