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FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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ISSUER

QUIDEL CORP /DE/

CIK: [353569](#) | IRS No.: **942573850** | State of Incorp.: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **2835** In vitro & in vivo diagnostic substances

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*10165 MCKELLAR CT
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REPORTING OWNER

Brown Thomas D

CIK: [1298084](#)
Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: [000-10961](#) | Film No.: **13853039**

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Brown Thomas D | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUIDEL CORP /DE/ [QDEL] | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2013 | | | | | |
| 29890 TANYA TRAIL | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (Street) LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048 | | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | |

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/14/2013 | | M | | 2,600 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 0 | 19,028 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Restricted Stock Units (Converted) | ⁽³⁾ | 05/14/2013 | | A | | 2,116 | | ⁽⁴⁾ | ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock | 2,116 | \$ 0 | 2,116 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units (Premium) | ⁽³⁾ | 05/14/2013 | | A | | 423 | | 05/14/2014 | ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock | 423 | \$ 0 | 423 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$23.7 | 05/14/2013 | | A | | 8,081 | | 05/14/2014 | 05/14/2023 | Common Stock | 8,081 | \$ 0 | 8,081 | D | |

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|---------------------------------------|-----|------------|---|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|------|-----|---|--|
| Restricted Stock Units (Equity Grant) | (3) | 05/14/2013 | A | 371 | 05/14/2014 | (6) | Common Stock | 371 | \$ 0 | 371 | D | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|------------|---|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|------|-----|---|--|

Explanation of Responses:

1. Reflects vesting of prior restricted stock units, which were previously reported on a Form 4.
2. Does not reflect 2,469 restricted stock units, which were reported on Table I on a Form 4 filed on November 28, 2012 that were not required to be included.
3. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of Quidel Corporation common stock.
4. The restricted stock units vest on the date of grant, May 14, 2013.
5. The restricted stock units were received in lieu of cash payments to the reporting person for certain retainer and Board of Director service-related fees under a deferred compensation program applicable to participating non-employee directors.
6. The restricted stock units vest upon the earlier of (a) immediately prior to the annual meeting of Quidel Corporation's stockholders in 2014 or (b) on the first anniversary of the grant date or May 14, 2014.

Signatures

Robert J. Bujarski, attorney-in-fact for Thomas D. Brown

** Signature of Reporting Person

05/16/2013

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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