QUIDEL CORP /DE/ Form 4

March 06, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITS MARK W

(Middle) (Last) (First)

(Street)

10165 MCKELLAR COURT

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

QUIDEL CORP /DE/ [QDEL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

SVP-Commercial Operations

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

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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)

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amour **Underlying Securit** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amo Exercisable Date or Num of Sh

Α

35,031

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

Reporting Owners

\$ 15.19

Price of

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

03/02/2012

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITS MARK W 10165 MCKELLAR COURT SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

SVP-Commercial Operations

Common

Stock

35.0

(1)

03/02/2022

Signatures

(Instr. 3)

Non-Qualified

Stock Options

Robert J. Bujarski, attorney-in-fact for Mark W.

Smits 03/06/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 17,515 shares will vest on the second anniversary date of the grant date, March 2, 2014. 8,758 shares will vest on the third anniversary date of the grant date, March 2, 2015. 8,758 shares will vest on the fourth anniversary date of the grant date, March 2, 2016.

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