

QUIDEL CORP /DE/

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 *

Â STEWARD RANDALL J
(Last) (First) (Middle)

10165 MCKELLAR COURT

(Street)

SAN DIEGO,Â CAÂ 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
10/24/2011

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

QUIDEL CORP /DE/ [QDEL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer ___ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Chief Financial Officer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect (I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Common Stock

0

D Â

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Title Amount or Number of

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Shares

(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STEWARD RANDALL J 10165 MCKELLAR COURT SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	^	^	^ Chief Financial Officer	^

Signatures

Robert J. Bujarski, attorney-in-fact for Randall J.
Steward

10/26/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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