PDL BIOPHARMA, INC. Form 8-K March 15, 2010

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): March 15, 2010

PDL BioPharma, Inc.

(Exact name of Company as specified in its charter)

000-19756

(Commission File Number)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

94-3023969 (I.R.S. Employer

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of Incorporation) Identification No.)

932 Southwood Boulevard

Incline Village, Nevada 89451

(Address of principal executive offices, with zip code)

(775) 832-8500

(Company s telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Company under any of the following provisions:

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 15, 2010, PDL BioPharma, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release specifying the adjustment of the conversion rates of its outstanding convertible notes and clarifying the federal income tax characteristics of the stock distribution of Facet Biotech Corporation common stock in December 2008. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Cautionary Statements

The Company s statements herein and in the attached press release regarding its intentions with respect to the cash special dividend payment constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Important factors that could impair the value of the Company s royalty assets and limit the Company s ability to pay dividends are disclosed in the risk factors contained in the Company s 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2010. All forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by such factors. We do not undertake any duty to update any forward-looking statement except as required by law.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit
No. Description

99.1 Press Release, Dated March 15, 2010 Regarding Conversion Rate Adjustment and Facet Stock Distribution Value

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PDL BIOPHARMA, INC. (Company)

By: /s/ Christine Larson

Christine Larson Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 15, 2010

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