PDL BIOPHARMA, INC. Form 8-K December 05, 2008

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):

December 5, 2008

PDL BioPharma, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-19756 (Commission File No.)

94-3023969 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1400 Seaport Boulevard

Redwood City, California 94063 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 5, 2008, PDL BioPharma, Inc. (PDL) announced that it has reset the record date for the spin-off of PDL s biotechnology operations, which will be accomplished through a pro rata stock dividend to PDL s stockholders of the common stock of Facet Biotech Corporation (Facet), to December 5, 2008. Each PDL stockholder of record as of 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 5, 2008 will receive on the distribution date one share of Facet common stock for every five shares of PDL common stock. PDL and Facet expect to be able to effect the distribution on or about December 18, 2008, although this date is subject to change. A copy of the press release issued by PDL on December 5, 2008 is filed hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, issued by PDL BioPharma, Inc. on December 5, 2008.

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SIGNATURES

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

Date: December 5, 2008

PDL BioPharma, Inc.

By: /s/ Francis Sarena Francis Sarena

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.99.1 Press release issued by PDL BioPharma, Inc. on December 5, 2008.

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