PDL BIOPHARMA, INC. Form 8-K January 05, 2009

# 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):

January 5, 2009

## 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.)

932 Southwood Boulevard
Incline Village, Nevada 89451
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (775) 832-8500

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):
o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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 January 5, 2009, we announced that we entered into a settlement agreement with Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ( Alexion ) relating to our patent infringement lawsuit against Alexion. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, issued by PDL BioPharma, Inc. on January 5, 2009.

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#### **SIGNATURE**

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: January 5, 2009 PDL BioPharma, Inc.

By: /s/ John P. McLaughlin

John P. McLaughlin

President and Chief Executive Officer

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#### EXHIBIT INDEX

**Exhibit No.**99.1 Press release issued by PDL BioPharma, Inc. on January 5, 2009.

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