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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):

May 2, 2006

PDL BIOPHARMA, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

000-19756 (Commission File No.) 94-3023969 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

34801 Campus Drive

Identification No.)

Fremont, California 94555

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

(510) 574-1400

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

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 2, 2006, PDL BioPharma, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing the Company s financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information

To supplement the information that is presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), in our historical information for the period presented as well as our forward-looking guidance in the press release, we provide certain non-GAAP financial measures that exclude from the directly comparable GAAP measures certain non-cash and other charges. These non-GAAP financial measures exclude depreciation of property and equipment, stock-based compensation expense, amortization of intangible assets, interest income and other, net, interest expense, income taxes and certain other items. We believe that these non-GAAP measures enhance an investor s overall understanding of our financial performance and future prospects by reconciling more closely to the actual cash expenses of the Company in its operations as well as excluding expenses that in management s view are unrelated to our core operations, the inclusion of which may make it more difficult for investors and financial analysts reporting on the Company to compare our results from period to period. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information presented in compliance with GAAP, and non-GAAP financial measures as reported by the Company may not be comparable to similarly titled items reported by other companies.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated May 2, 2006, regarding the first quarter 2006 financial results of PDL BioPharma, Inc.

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: May 2, 2006

PDL BIOPHARMA, INC.

By: /s/ Andrew Guggenhime Andrew Guggenhime Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer