PDL BIOPHARMA, INC. Form 8-K November 25, 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): November 23, 2009

# PDL BioPharma, Inc.

(Exact name of Company as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 000-19756 (Commission File Number) 94-3023969 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation) 932 Southwood Boulevard

Identification No.)

Incline Village, Nevada 89451

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(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:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On November 23, 2009, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) declared an interference proceeding between certain claims of Queen et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,180,370 (the 370 Patent) and certain pending claims of Adair et al., U.S. Application No. 10/938,117 (the 117 Application under 35 U.S.C. 135(a). UCB Pharma S.A. is the assignee of the 117 application. In an interference proceeding, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences typically determines questions of priority of the claimed inventions and may also determine questions of patentability. Any final decision, if adverse to the claim of an applicant, is a final refusal by the Patent and Trademark Office of the claims involved. The Office may issue a patent to the applicant if the applicant is adjudged the prior inventor. A final judgment adverse to the patentee from which no appeal or other review has been or can be taken or had constitutes cancellation of the claims involved in the patent.

The foregoing contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. These statements are present expectations and are subject to the limitations listed therein and in the Company s other SEC reports, and actual events or results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements.

The information in this Item 7.01 is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the <u>Exchange Act</u>), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### **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/ Christopher Stone Christopher Stone Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: November 25, 2009