

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>LYONS GARY A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O PDL BIOPHARMA, INC.</u> <u>1400 SEAPORT BLVD</u> (Street) <u>REDWOOD</u> <u>CA</u> <u>94063</u> <u>CITY</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PDL BIOPHARMA, INC.</u> [<u>PDLI</u>] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/16/2008</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.98	07/16/2008		A		15,000		(1)	07/16/2015	Common Stock	15,000	\$0	15,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.98	07/16/2008		A		1,000		(2)	07/16/2015	Common Stock	1,000	\$0	1,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.98	07/16/2008		A		1,500		(3)	07/16/2015	Common Stock	1,500	\$0	1,500	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.98	07/16/2008		A		25,000		(4)	07/16/2015	Common Stock	25,000	\$0	25,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option will vest with respect to 1,250 shares on August 16, 2008 and with respect to 1,250 of the shares monthly thereafter.
2. This option will vest with respect to approximately 83 shares on August 16, 2008 and with respect to approximately 83 of the shares monthly thereafter.
3. This option will vest with respect to 125 shares on August 16, 2008 and with respect to 125 of the shares monthly thereafter.
4. This option will vest with respect to approximately 1,042 shares on August 16, 2008 and with respect to approximately 1,042 of the shares monthly thereafter.

Remarks:

/s/ Gary A. Lyons
** Signature of Reporting Person

07/17/2008
Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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