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): February 20, 2018

PDL BioPharma, Inc.

(Exact name of Company as specified in its charter)

000-19756 (Commission File Number)

Delaware 94-3023969
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

932 Southwood Boulevard Incline Village, Nevada 89451 (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))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).
Emerging growth company \square
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On February 20, 2018, PDL BioPharma, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release indicating that it no longer expects to pursue an acquisition of Neos Therapeutics, Inc (NASDAQ: NEOS). A copy of the Company's press release has been posted to the Company's website and is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished with this report:

Exhibit No.

99.1 Press Release

Cautionary Statements

This filing, the press release and the Company's statements herein and therein contain "forward-looking" statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on management's current expectations or predictions of future conditions, events or results based on various assumptions and management's estimates of trends and economic factors in the markets in which we are active, as well as our business plans. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "projects," "forecasts," "may," "should," variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, which may cause results to differ materially from those set forth in the statements. Forward-looking statements in this filing and the press release should be evaluated together with the many uncertainties that affect the business of the Company and its markets, particularly those discussed in the risk factors and cautionary statements contained in the Company's annual report filed with the SEC on March 1, 2017, as well as subsequent filings. All forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by such factors. The forward-looking statements are representative only as of the date they are made, and the Company assumes no responsibility to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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/ John P. McLaughlin

John P. McLaughlin Chief Executive Officer

Dated: February 20, 2018

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 <u>Press Release</u>



PDL BioPharma Terminates Interest in Pursuing Acquisition of Neos

-- PDL does not plan to make any further proposals to acquire Neos --

INCLINE VILLAGE, NV, February 20, 2018 -- PDL BioPharma, Inc. (NASDAQ: PDLI) today officially announced it will no longer pursue its proposed acquisition of Neos Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ: NEOS). While PDL's last public disclosure announced its proposal expired on November 8, 2017, PDL has maintained its interest until recently making the decision to not make any further proposals.

John P. McLaughlin, chief executive officer of PDL, stated, "While we believe we have provided a compelling opportunity for Neos' shareholders, we were unable to agree on terms that were in the best interest of our shareholders. We continue to pursue other opportunities and be disciplined in the process."

About PDL BioPharma, Inc.

PDL seeks to provide a significant return for its shareholders by acquiring and managing a portfolio of companies, products, royalty agreements and debt facilities in the biotech, pharmaceutical and medical device industries. In 2012, PDL began providing alternative sources of capital through royalty monetizations and debt facilities, and in 2016, began acquiring commercial-stage products and launching specialized companies dedicated to the commercialization of these products. To date, PDL has consummated 17 such transactions, of which nine are active and outstanding. PDL has one debt transaction outstanding, representing deployed and committed capital of \$20.0 million: CareView; one hybrid royalty/debt transaction outstanding, representing deployed and committed capital of \$44.0 million: Wellstat Diagnostics; and five royalty transactions outstanding, representing deployed and committed capital of \$396.1 million and \$397.1 million, respectively: KYBELLA®, AcelRx, University of Michigan, Viscogliosi Brothers and Depomed. PDL's equity and loan investments in Noden represent deployed and committed capital of \$179.0 million and \$202.0 million, respectively, and its converted equity and loan investment in LENSAR represents deployed capital of \$40 million.

NOTE: PDL, PDL BioPharma, the PDL logo and the PDL BioPharma logo are trademarks or registered trademarks of, and are proprietary, to PDL BioPharma, Inc. which reserves all rights therein.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Each of these forward-looking statements involves risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those, express or implied, in these forward-looking statements. Important factors that could impair the value of the Company's assets or business, are disclosed in the risk factors contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2017. All forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by such factors. We do not undertake any duty to update any forward-looking statement except as required by law.

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