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): September 24, 2018

PDL BioPharma, Inc.

(Exact name of Company as specified in its charter)

000-19756 (Commission File Number)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 94-3023969 (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)

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Dere-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 \Box

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 8.01 Other Events.

PDL BioPharma Announces \$100 Million Share Repurchase Program

On September 24, 2018, PDL BioPharma, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release regarding the Company's board of directors authorization to repurchase up to \$100 million of the Company's common stock. A copy of the press release is furnished hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.

99.1

Press Release

Description

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: September 24, 2018

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Exhibit No.

99.1

Press Release

Description



PDL BioPharma Announces New \$100 Million Stock Repurchase Program

INCLINE VILLAGE, Nev. (September 24, 2018) - PDL BioPharma, Inc. ("PDL") (NASDAQ: PDLI) announces its Board of Directors has authorized a new stock repurchase program to acquire up to \$100 million of the Company's common stock. Purchases may be made in open-market transactions, in block transactions on or off an exchange, in privately negotiated transactions or by other means as determined by PDL's management and in accordance with the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"We believe this program is an appropriate means to create shareholder value given the current discrepancy between our share price and our book value," said John McLaughlin, Chief Executive Officer of PDL. "This is our third and largest stock repurchase program having completed a \$30 million stock repurchase program in June 2017 and a subsequent \$25 million stock repurchase program in July 2018.

The timing of purchases and the number of shares repurchased under the new program by PDL will depend on a variety of factors including price, trading volume, corporate and regulatory requirements and market conditions. Repurchases may also be made under a trading plan under Rule 10b5-1, which would permit shares to be repurchased when PDL might otherwise be precluded from doing so because of self-imposed trading blackout periods or other regulatory restrictions. The repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time without notice.

About PDL BioPharma

We seek to provide a significant return for our stockholders by acquiring and managing a portfolio of companies, products, royalty agreements and debt facilities in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical and medical device industries. In 2012, we began providing alternative sources of capital through royalty monetizations and debt facilities, and in 2016, we began acquiring commercial-stage products and launching specialized companies dedicated to the commercialization of these products. To date, we have consummated seventeen of such transactions, of which nine are active and outstanding. We have one debt transaction outstanding, representing deployed of \$20.0 million: CareView; we have one hybrid royalty/debt transaction outstanding, representing deployed capital of \$44.0 million: Wellstat Diagnostics; and we have five royalty transactions outstanding, representing deployed capital of \$416.1 million, respectively: KYBELLA[®], AceIRx, University of Michigan, Viscogliosi Brothers and Depomed. Our equity and loan investments in Noden represent deployed capital of \$191.0 million, respectively, and our converted equity and loan investment in LENSAR represents deployed capital of \$40.0 million.

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