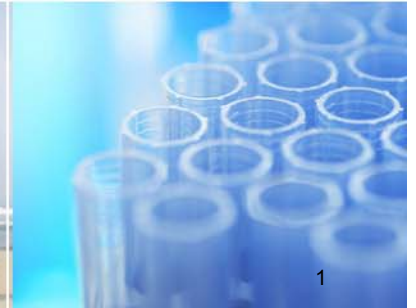




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- The expected rate of growth in royalty-bearing product sales by PDL's existing licensees;
- The relative mix of royalty-bearing Genentech products manufactured and sold outside the U.S. versus manufactured or sold in the U.S.;
- The ability of our licensees to receive regulatory approvals to market and launch new royalty-bearing products and whether such products, if launched, will be commercially successful;
- Changes in any of the other assumptions on which PDL's projected royalty revenues are based;
- Changes in foreign currency rates;
- Positive or negative results in PDL's attempt to acquire royalty-related assets;
- The outcome of pending litigation or disputes, including our current dispute with Genentech related to ex-U.S. sales of Genentech licensed products; and
- The failure of licensees to comply with existing license agreements, including any failure to pay royalties due.

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Key Information

Company:	PDL BioPharma, Inc.
Ticker:	PDLI (NASDAQ)
Location:	Incline Village, Nevada
Employees:	Less than 10
2010 Revenues:	\$345 million
2011-Q1 Revenue Guidance:	\$83 million
2011 Regular Dividends:	\$0.60 /share paid quarterly in \$0.15 increments on March 15, June 15, September 15 & December 15
EOY-2010 Cash Position¹:	\$248 million
Shares O/S²:	~ 140 million
Average Daily Volume:	~ 2.9 million shares

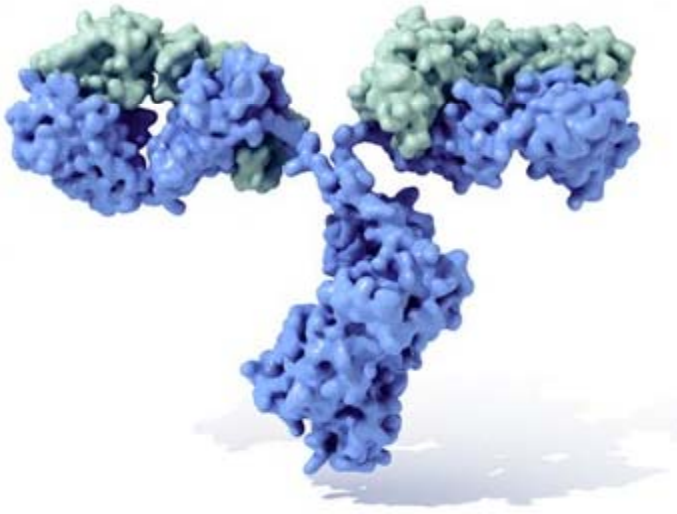
1. As of December 31, 2010; 2. Not fully diluted

Overview of PDL BioPharma

Company Overview

- **PDL pioneered the humanization of monoclonal antibodies which enabled the discovery of a new generation of targeted treatments for cancer and immunologic diseases**
- **PDL's primary assets are its antibody humanization patents and royalty assets which consist of its Queen et al. patents and license agreements**
- **Licensees consist of large biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies including Roche/Genentech/Novartis, Elan/Biogen/Idex, Pfizer/Wyeth/J&J and Chugai**

Antibody Humanization Technology



- Antibodies are naturally produced by humans to fight foreign substances, such as bacteria and viruses
- In the 1980's, scientists began creating antibodies in non-human immune systems, such as those of mice, that could target specific sites on cells to fight various human diseases
- However, mouse derived antibodies are recognized by the human body as foreign substances and may be rejected by the human immune system
- PDL's technology allows for the "humanization" of mouse derived antibodies by moving the important binding regions from the mouse antibody onto a human framework
- PDL's humanization technology is important because the humanized antibodies retain the binding and activity levels from the original mouse antibody
- PDL's technology has been incorporated into antibodies to treat cancer, eye diseases, arthritis, multiple sclerosis and other health conditions with aggregate annual sales of almost \$20 billion

Mission

- **Manage patent portfolio**
- **Manage license agreements**
- **Optimize return for shareholders**

Corporate Governance

Management

- **John McLaughlin**
President & CEO
- **Christine Larson**
VP & CFO
- **Christopher Stone**
VP, General Counsel &
Secretary
- **Caroline Krumel**
VP of Finance

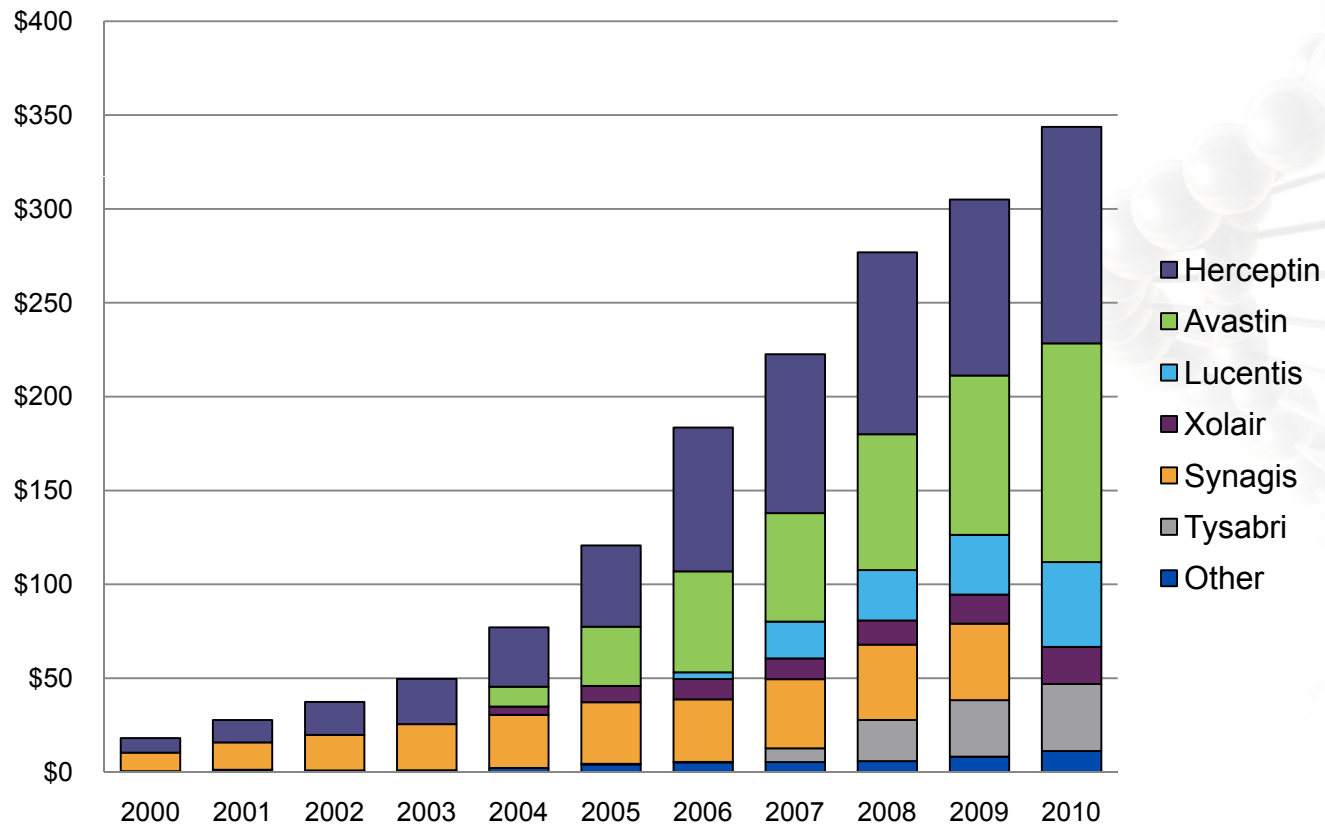
Board of Directors

- **Fred Frank**
Lead Director
- **Jody Lindell**
- **John McLaughlin**
- **Paul Sandman**
- **Harold Selick**

Royalty Revenue

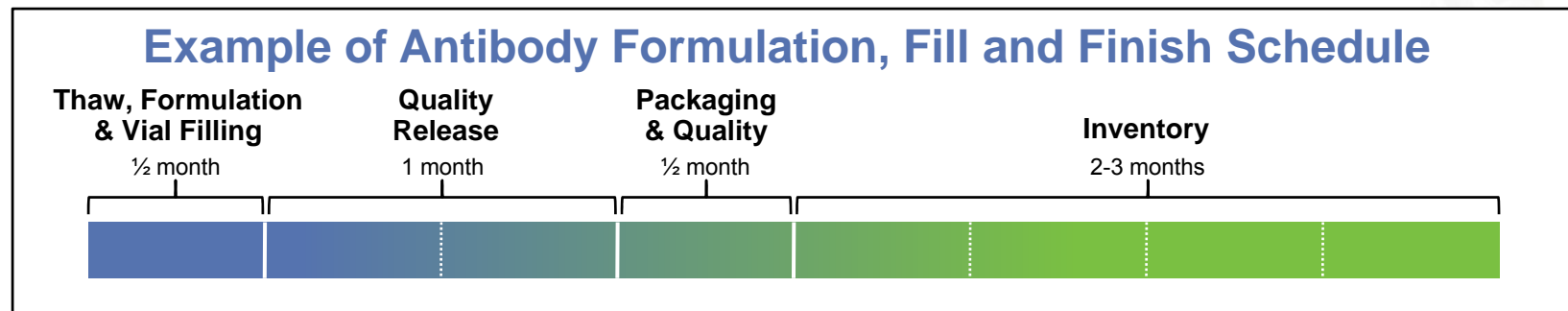
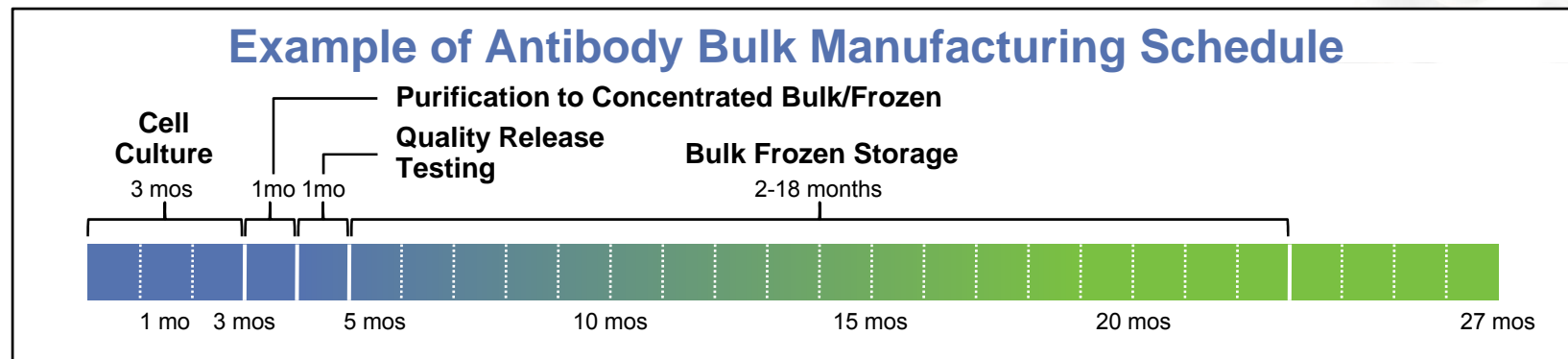
Royalty Revenue & Licensed Products

Royalties by Product (\$ in millions)



Royalties: When Licensed Product is Made or Sold

- PDL's revenues consist of royalties generated on sales of licensed products
 - Sold before the expiration of the Queen et al. patents in 2013/14
 - or
 - Made prior to the expiration of the Queen et al. patents and sold anytime thereafter



Genentech/Roche Royalties *

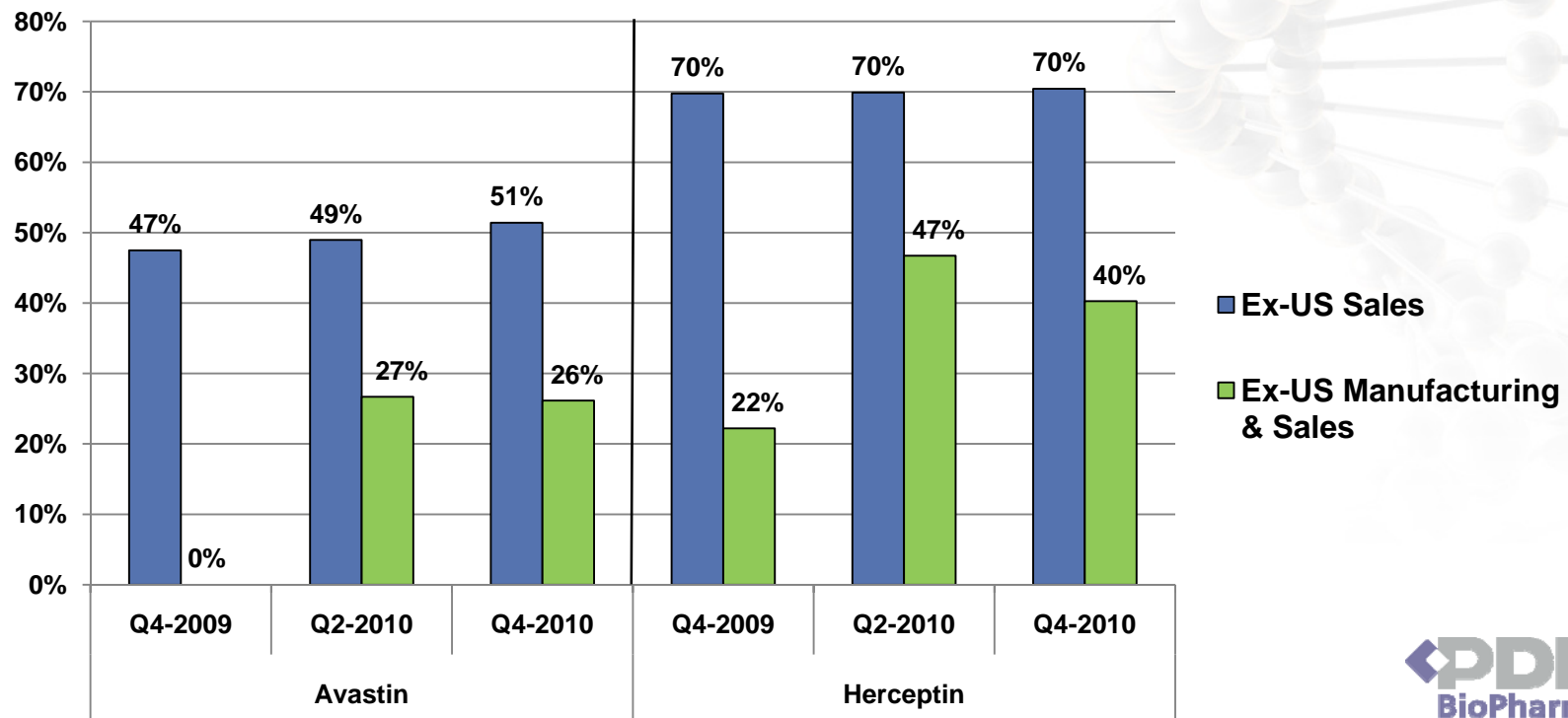
Product Made in U.S.	
Net Sales up to \$1.5 Billion	3.0%
Net Sales Between \$1.5 Billion and \$2.5 Billion	2.5%
Net Sales Between \$2.5 Billion and \$4.0 Billion	2.0%
Net Sales Over \$4.0 Billion	1.0%
Product Made and Sold Ex-U.S.	
All Sales	3.0%

* Excludes royalties for Actemra / RoActemra

- Genentech/Roche commercialized products include Avastin, Herceptin, Lucentis and Xolair
 - In 2009, only 12% of Genentech/Roche sales were ex-U.S. manufactured and sold products
 - In 2010, 26% of Genentech/Roche sales were ex-U.S. manufactured and sold products
- Average royalty rate on all Genentech/Roche products under Genentech license in 2010 was 1.9% versus 1.7% in 2009
 - U.S. only effective rate was 1.5% in both years

Genentech/Roche – Future Manufacturing

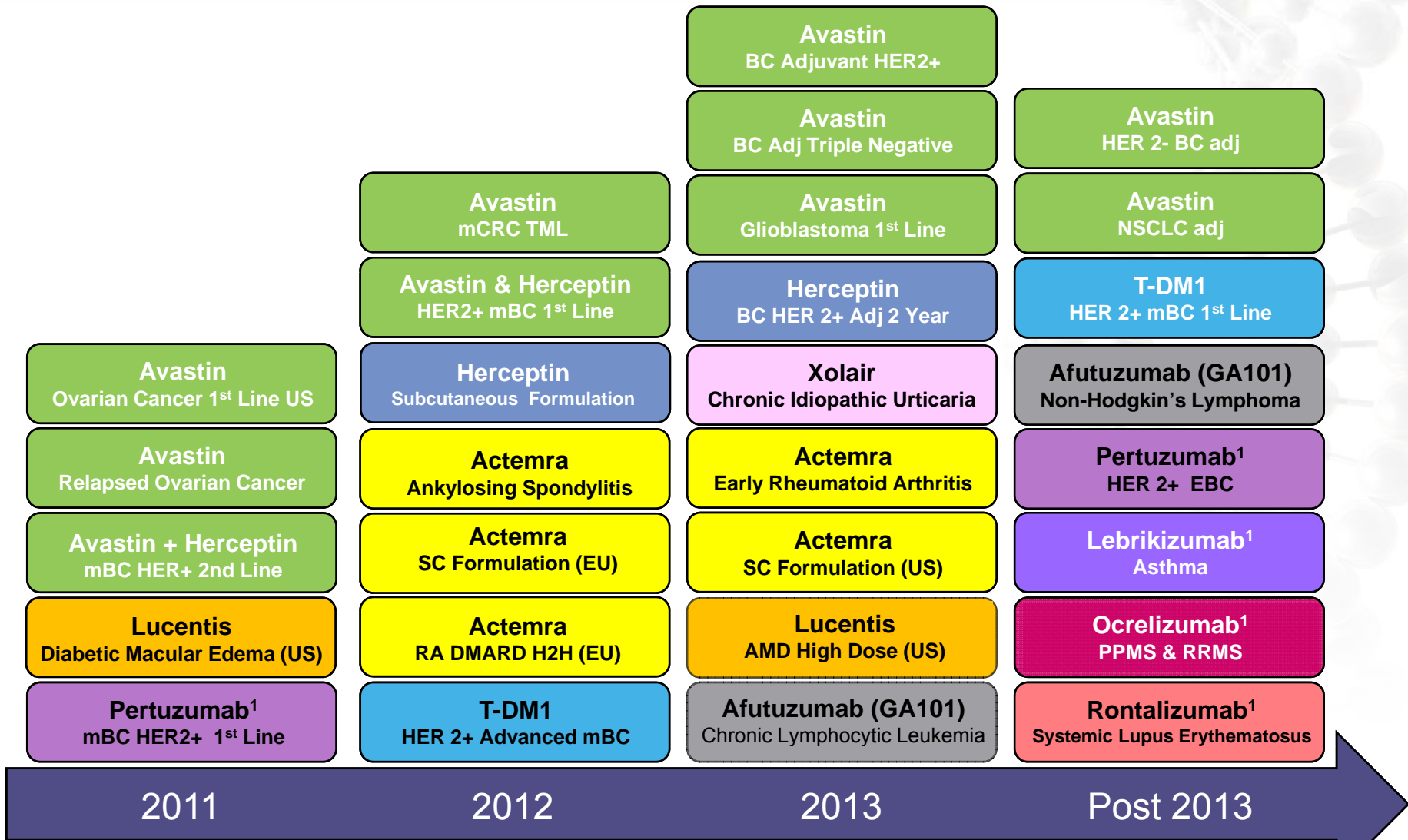
- Roche has begun to move some manufacturing ex-U.S.
 - Current production at Penzburg (Herceptin) and Basel (Avastin) plants
 - Two new plants in Singapore (CHO = antibody and e. coli = antibody fragment)
 - E. coli (Lucentis) and CHO (Avastin) plants are approved for commercial supply to the US
 - E. coli and CHO plants are expected to be approved for commercial supply to the EU in 2011
 - Currently, all Lucentis is made in the U.S.



Genentech/Roche - Future Royalty Products

- In December 2008, Genentech exercised options for 4 additional antigens and extended other options paying fees of \$1.8 million
- Genentech can convert the exercised options into license agreements by identifying the target antigen if certain other conditions are met
- Genentech/Roche have a number of humanized antibodies in Phase 2/3
 - ***Pertuzumab***: HER2+ breast cancer
 - ***Ocrelizumab***: Relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis
 - ***Lebrikizumab***: Asthma

Genentech / Roche – US & EU Filings



1. Not a licensed product

Royalty Products – Approved

Royalty Products - Avastin

Licensee	Product	Status	Indications
Roche (Genentech)	Avastin	Approved sBLA Phase 3	Colorectal Cancer NSCLC Metastatic Renal Cell Glioblastoma Metastatic Breast HER2- 1st Line Metastatic Breast HER2- 2nd Line Ovarian Cancer Gastric Prostate Cancer

- ✓ On December 16, 2010, FDA notified Roche/Genentech of its intention to withdraw Avastin's approval as first line treatment for HER2- breast cancer in combination with paclitaxel.
- ✓ In response to request from Genentech, FDA scheduled a hearing on June 28-29, 2011 to allow Genentech to present why Avastin should remain FDA-approved for HER2- breast cancer.
- ✓ On December 16, 2010, EMA narrowed, but did not withdraw, Avastin's approval for first line treatment of HER2- breast cancer to use in combination with paclitaxel only.
- ✓ Roche lowered its estimate of peak annual sales from of Avastin from CHF8 – CHF9 billion to CHF7 billion.
- ✓ Based on our internal model, we project Avastin for treatment of metastatic HER2- breast cancer represents slightly more than 2% of total PDL royalty revenue.

Royalty Products - Avastin

Licensee	Product	Status	Indications
Roche (Genentech)	Avastin	Approved sBLA Phase 3	Colorectal Cancer NSCLC Metastatic Renal Cell Glioblastoma Metastatic Breast HER2- 1 st Line Metastatic Breast HER2- 2 nd Line Ovarian Cancer Gastric

- ✓ On February 7, 2011, Genentech reported that Phase 3 trial in women with previously treated (recurrent), platinum-sensitive ovarian cancer showed an improvement in progression free survival in those patients treated with Avastin in combination with chemotherapy (carboplatin and gemcitabine) followed by continued use of Avastin alone compared to those treated with chemotherapy alone.
- ✓ Two previous Phase 3 studies in women with newly diagnosed ovarian cancer demonstrated that front-line Avastin in combination with standard chemotherapy (carboplatin and paclitaxel), followed by the continued use of Avastin alone, significantly increased progression free survival compared to treatment with chemotherapy alone.
- ✓ Roche has submitted an application for approval for front line treatment in EU and expects a decision later in 2011
- ✓ Genentech expects to file an application for approval in US in 2011.

Royalty Products - Lucentis

Lic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ On January 7, Novartis announced that Lucentis has been approved in the EU for the treatment visual impairment due to diabetic macular edema (DME). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DME is a leading cause of blindness in the working-age population in most developed countries. ✓ On February 11, 2011, Genentech announced that one of two Phase 3 studies evaluating in patients with DME showed that a significantly higher percentage of patients receiving monthly dosing of Lucentis achieved an improvement in vision of at least 15 letters on the eye chart at 24 months compared to those in a control group, who received a placebo injection. 			
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			HER2+ Stomach and Gastro-Esophageal cancers	
	Lucentis	Approved Approved Phase 3 (US)	AMD RVO DME	
	Xolair	Approved sBLA	Moderate-Severe Asthma Pediatric Asthma	
Elan	Tysabri	Approved	Multiple Sclerosis	
Roche (Chugai)	Actemra	Approved	Rheumatoid Arthritis	

Royalty Products - Lucentis

- ✓ On November 22, 2010, Regeneron and its partner, Bayer, reported top line data from two Phase 3 trials investigating its VEGF trap in age-related macular degeneration (AMD) patients which suggest that it may be injected into the eye every other month with safety and efficacy comparable to that of monthly dosing of Lucentis.
- ✓ On December 20, 2010, Regeneron has also reported positive Phase 3 data in the treatment of retinal vein occlusion (RVO) for which Lucentis is approved.
 - Unlike the AMD trial, monthly administration was used in the RVO trial, which does not afford a dosing advantage with respect to Lucentis.
- ✓ On February 22, 2011, Regeneron and its partner, Bayer, had filed an application for approval of its VEGF trap for treatment of AMD.

			HER2+ Stomach and Gastro-Esophageal cancers
	Lucentis	Approved Approved Phase 3	AMD RVO DME
	Xolair	Approved sBLA	Moderate-Severe Asthma Pediatric Asthma
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Royalty Products - Lucentis

Licensee	Product	Status	Indications
Roche (Genentech)	Avastin	Approved	Colorectal Cancer
<p>✓The National Eye Institute CATT study comparing Lucentis and Avastin on fixed and variable schedules in the treatment of AMD completed enrollment of its specified goal of 1200 patients in December 2009.</p> <p>✓CATT is expected to report data in 1H11 on its primary endpoint of mean change in visual acuity (number of lines of letters on an eye chart) at 12 months.</p>			
	Herceptin	Approved	Breast HER2+ Cancer HER2+ Stomach and Gastro-Esophageal cancers
	Lucentis	Approved Approved Phase 3	AMD RVO DME
	Xolair	Approved sBLA	Moderate-Severe Asthma Pediatric Asthma
Elan	Tysabri	Approved	Multiple Sclerosis
Roche (Chugai)	Actemra	Approved	Rheumatoid Arthritis

Royalty Products - Tysabri

Licensee	Product	Status	Indications
Roche (Genentech)	Avastin	Approved	Colorectal Cancer NSCLC
<p> ✓ Biogen Idec and Elan have made regulatory filings with FDA and EMA to update the label of Tysabri to reflect that anti-JC virus antibody status could be used to stratify the risk of progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML). ✓ As of February 18, 2011, the total number of PML cases is 95. ✓ Management of Biogen Idec stated the net patient adds has been impacted by discontinuations and that new patient adds still appear stable in the US. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discontinuations are likely due to patients who know JCV+ status and have halted Tysabri therapy pending treatment of JCV. </p>			
		Approved Phase 3	RVO DME
	Xolair	Approved sBLA	Moderate-Severe Asthma Pediatric Asthma
Elan	Tysabri	Approved	Multiple Sclerosis
Roche (Chugai)	Actemra	Approved	Rheumatoid Arthritis

Royalty Products - Actemra

Licensee	Product	Status	Indications
Roche (Genentech)	Avastin	Approved sBLA Phase 3	Colorectal Cancer NSCLC Metastatic Renal Cell Glioblastoma Metastatic Breast HER2- 1 st Line Metastatic Breast HER2- 2 nd Line Ovarian Cancer Gastric Prostate Cancer Adjuvant settings
<p>✓ On January 5, 2011, Roche announced that FDA extended the Actemra label to include inhibition and slowing of structural joint damage, improvement of physical function, and achievement of major clinical response in adult patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis.</p>			
	Xolair	Approved sBLA	Moderate-Severe Asthma Pediatric Asthma
Elan	Tysabri	Approved	Multiple Sclerosis
Roche (Chugai)	Actemra	Approved	Rheumatoid Arthritis

Future Royalty Products – Development Stage

Future Royalty Products – T-DM1

Licensee	Product	Status	Indications
Roche (Genentech)	Trastuzumab-DM1	Phase 2 & 3	Breast HER2+ Cancer
	Ocrelizumab	Phase 2b	Relapsing Remitting Multiple Sclerosis
	Pertuzumab	Phase 3	Metastatic HER2+ Breast Cancer
Roche	Afutuzumab	Phase 3	Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia
Elan/J&J/Pfizer	Bapineuzumab	Phase 3	Alzheimer's Disease
Lilly	Solanezumab	Phase 3	Alzheimer's Disease
	Teplizumab	Phase 3	Newly Diagnosed Type 1 Diabetes
Merck	Datoluzumab	Phase 2	Metastatic Colorectal Cancer
Abbott/Biogen Idec	Daclizumab	Phase 3	Relapsing Remitting Multiple Sclerosis
Eisai	Farletuzumab	Phase 3	Ovarian Cancer

- ✓ On October 13, 2010, Roche/Genentech announced preliminary, six month results from a Phase 3 trial in second line HER2+ breast cancer patients which showed that 48% of women treated with T-DM1 had their tumors shrink compared with 41% of those taking the combination of Herceptin and Taxotere.
 - Among the women taking the standard therapy, 75% had side effects of grade 3 or higher on a 5-point scale, compared with 37% of those getting T-DM1.

Licensed
 Unlicensed

Future Royalty Products - Pertuzumab

Licensee	Product	Status	Indications
Roche (Genentech)	Trastuzumab-DM1	Phase 2 & 3	Breast HER2+ Cancer
	Ocrelizumab	Phase 2b	Relapsing Remitting Multiple Sclerosis
	Pertuzumab	Phase 3	Metastatic HER2+ Breast Cancer
Roche	Afutuzumab	Phase 3	Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia
Elan/J&J/Pfizer	Bapineuzumab	Phase 3	Alzheimer's Disease
Lilly	Solanezumab	Phase 3	Alzheimer's Disease
	Teplizumab	Phase 3	Newly Diagnosed Type 1 Diabetes
Merck	Datoluzumab	Phase 2	Metastatic Colorectal Cancer
Abbott/Biogen Idec	Daclizumab	Phase 3	Relapsing Remitting Multiple Sclerosis
Eisai	FcγRIIb Inhibitor	Phase 3	Chronic Granulocytoclastic Leukemia

- ✓ On December 10, 2010, Roche/Genentech reported the results from a Phase 2 trial investigating the neoadjuvant (prior to surgery) use of pertuzumab and Herceptin plus chemotherapy for the treatment of early-stage, HER2+ breast cancer.
- ✓ Treatment significantly improved the rate of complete tumor disappearance in the breast by more than half compared to Herceptin plus docetaxel, p=0.014.
- ✓ Roche expects a global regulatory filing of pertuzumab based on the this study at the end of 2011.

Licensed
 Unlicensed

Debt

\$520 Million Total Debt

- **\$250 million 2.00% convertible senior notes due February 2012; current balance \$134 million**
 - 2010 Corporate goal to extend repayment of a portion of this debt without significant increase in coupon rate was accomplished in November 2010
 - Accomplished through repurchases and exchange of \$92 million for new 2015 Notes
 - Conversion rate is 140.571 shares / \$1,000 face amount (\$7.11/share)
- **\$180 million 2.875% convertible senior notes due February 2015 placed November 1, 2010**
 - In addition to exchanging 2012 Notes, placed an additional \$88 million of 2015 Notes
 - Proceeds may be used to buy back shares, repurchase 2012 Notes and/or acquire new royalty assets
 - Conversion rate is 140.571 shares / \$1,000 face amount (\$7.11/share)
- **\$300 million 10.25% note; current balance \$204 million**
 - Approximately 40% of Genentech royalties dedicated to quarterly principal and interest payments; principal repayment fluctuates in relation to royalties received
 - Anticipated final maturity is September 2012; legal maturity is March 2015
 - After final maturity, securitized Genentech royalties will be retained by PDL
 - Distributed \$200 million of proceeds as special dividend of \$1.67/share in December 2009

Summary of Debt Reductions and Modifications

	Debt Outstanding	
	12/31/2009	12/31/2010
	(\$ in millions)	
2.75% Convertible Debt		
August 2010 Note Holder Put	\$ 200	\$ -
2.00% Senior Convertible Debt		
February 2012 Maturity	228	134
10.25% Securitization Note		
September 2012 Anticipated Maturity	300	204
2.875% Senior Convertible Debt		
February 2015 Maturity	0	180
Total Debt	\$ 728	\$ 518

Legal Matters

Settlements of Disputes

- **UCB**

- PDL received \$10 million from UCB in return for PDL agreement not to sue UCB for any royalties related to Cimzia
- UCB terminated patent interference proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark office ending all administrative challenges to the Queen et al. patents
- UCB also withdrew its opposition appeal to our European patent in the European Patent Office (EPO)

- **MedImmune**

- PDL paid MedImmune \$65 million on February 15, 2011 and will pay them an additional \$27.5 million by February 2012
- No further payments will be owed by either party
- MedImmune also ceased all support of any party involved in the EPO opposition of our European patent

Settlement of Disputes

- **Novartis**

- PDL dismissed its claims against Novartis in its Nevada lawsuit
- Novartis withdrew its opposition appeal to our European patent in EPO
- PDL will pay Novartis an amount based on Novartis' net ex-U.S. sales of Lucentis during calendar year 2011 and beyond, which amount is less than the royalty amount Genentech pays PDL on the same sales of Lucentis and it is not currently material
- Novartis settlement does not affect PDL's claims against Genentech and Roche in the Nevada state court action

- **BioTransplant**

- PDL acquired BioTransplant, a bankrupt company, because it was one of the appellants in the appeal opposition to our European patent before the EPO
- PDL instructed BioTransplant to withdraw its opposition appeal in the EPO
- PDL believes that BioTransplant's activities before EPO were financially supported by MedImmune before PDL's acquisition

Effect of Settlements

- **U.S. Patent Interferences**
 - All patent interferences before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office relating to the Queen et al. patents have been resolved in PDL's favor
- **Appeal Opposition to PDL's European Patent**
 - With the withdrawals from EPO proceeding of UCB, MedImmune and Novartis by virtue of settlements, and BioTransplant by virtue of its acquisition by PDL:
 - EPO cancelled its appeal hearing,
 - Appeal proceeding was terminated, and
 - 2007 decision upholding the claims of our European patent will become the final decision of EPO
 - In 2010, 35% of PDL's revenues resulted from sales of products that were made in Europe and sold outside of the United States
 - Based on Roche announcements, PDL anticipates that this percentage of revenues will increase in the future
- **MedImmune, UCB and Novartis cannot challenge the Queen et al. patents in the future nor assist others in doing so**

Genentech Communication

- **On August 11, 2010, PDL received a fax from Genentech on behalf of Roche and Novartis asserting that Avastin, Herceptin, Lucentis and Xolair (Genentech Products) do not infringe PDL's supplementary protection certificates (SPC's) and seeking a response from PDL**
 - SPC's are extensions of patent term in Europe that are issued on a country-by-country and product-by-product basis
 - An SPC is granted to a specific product designated by generic name (e.g. trastuzumab for Herceptin)
- **PDL responded on August 31, 2010 that Genentech's assertions are without merit, that we disagree with their assertions of non-infringement and, further, cautioned that Genentech had waived its rights to challenge our patents, including SPC's**
 - There have been discussions among the parties

Nevada Litigation

- **PDL filed suit against Genentech, Roche and Novartis in Nevada state court**
 - Lawsuit against Novartis has been dismissed under PDL's settlement with Novartis
- **Lawsuit states that August 11th fax sent at the behest of Roche and Novartis damaged PDL and constitutes a breach of Genentech's obligations under its 2003 Settlement Agreement with PDL**
- **Complaint seeks compensatory damages, including liquidated damages and other monetary remedies set forth in the 2003 Settlement Agreement, punitive damages and attorney's fees**

Genentech and Roche Response

- **In November 2010, Genentech and Roche filed a motion to dismiss our complaint because they contend that 2003 Settlement Agreement applies only to PDL's U.S. patent rights**
 - PDL believes that the 2003 Settlement Agreement is not limited to PDL's U.S. patent rights but also includes PDL's European patent rights
 - To prevail on their motion to dismiss, Genentech and Roche must establish that PDL can prove no set of facts which, if accepted by the court, would entitle PDL to the relief requested in our complaint
- **In addition, Roche has asserted that the Nevada court lacks personal jurisdiction over them**
 - To prevail on their motions to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction, Roche must establish that its conduct does not permit a Nevada court to adjudicate the claims asserted in the complaint without violating due process
 - PDL disagrees with these arguments and intends to oppose both motions
- **The Nevada court has not yet fixed a date on which it would hear and decide Genentech and Roche's motions**

2003 Settlement Agreement

- **The 2003 Settlement Agreement was entered into as part of a definitive agreement resolving intellectual property disputes between the two companies at that time**
- **The agreement limits Genentech's ability to challenge infringement of our patent rights, including SPC's, and waives Genentech's right to challenge the validity of our patent rights**
- **Breaches of 2003 Settlement Agreement**
 - PDL may also be entitled to either terminate our license agreements with Genentech or be paid a flat royalty of 3.75% on past and future U.S.-based Sales of the Genentech Products
 - Retroactive royalty rate of 3.75% on past sales of the Genentech Products made in the U.S. and sold anywhere plus interest is up to \$1 billion
 - PDL has not projected value of 3.75% prospective royalty on future sales of Genentech Products made in the U.S. and sold anywhere
 - Liquidated and other damages

Optimizing Stockholder Return

Optimizing Stockholder Return

- **Continuously evaluating alternatives:**
 - Dividends
 - Convertible note buyback / capital restructure
 - Share repurchase
 - Company sale
 - Purchase of commercial stage, royalty generating assets
 - Do not expect to securitize any more assets

Investment Rationale

- **Strong revenue growth from approved products**
- **Potential for additional indications from existing products, new product approvals and purchase of new royalty assets**
- **Significantly reduced expenses with no R&D burn**
- **Liquidity - volume averages 2.9 million shares/day**
- **Return to stockholders**
 - In 2011, \$0.60/share to be paid in quarterly regular dividends of \$0.15/share on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15