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 15, 2011

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:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 15, 2011, PDL BioPharma, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it has paid the September 15, 2011, regular quarterly dividend payment. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | | Description | |
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| 99.1 | Press Release | | |
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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/ Christine R. Larson

Christine R. Larson

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: September 15, 2011

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| <u>99.1</u> | Press Release |
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PDL BioPharma Completes Regular Quarterly Dividend Payment

INCLINE VILLAGE, NV, September 15, 2011 – PDL BioPharma, Inc. (PDL) (NASDAQ: PDLI) today announced that it has paid the September 15, 2011, regular quarterly dividend payment of \$0.15 per share to all stockholders owning shares of PDL as of September 8, 2011, the record date.

About PDL BioPharma

PDL pioneered the humanization of monoclonal antibodies and, by doing so, enabled the discovery of a new generation of targeted treatments for cancer and immunologic diseases. Today, PDL is focused on intellectual property asset management, investing in new royalty bearing assets and maximizing the value of its patent portfolio and related assets. For more information, please visit www.pdl.com.

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