

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D**  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934\*  
(Amendment No. 5)

**PDL BioPharma, Inc.**

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

69329Y104

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(CUSIP Number)

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Highland Capital Management, L.P.  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Persons Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

August 11, 2008

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), (f) or (g), check the following box.

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See §240.13d-7(b) for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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<b>1</b>		NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  Highland Capital Management, L.P. 75-2716725
<b>2</b>		CHECK BOX THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  (a) <input type="radio"/> (b) <input type="radio"/>
<b>3</b>		SEC USE ONLY
<b>4</b>		SOURCE OF FUNDS  AF/OO
<b>5</b>		CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)  <input type="radio"/>
<b>6</b>		CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  Delaware
	<b>7</b>	SOLE VOTING POWER  3,918,859
NUMBER OF	<b>8</b>	SHARED VOTING POWER  28,762
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	<b>9</b>	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  3,918,859
EACH REPORTING PERSON	<b>10</b>	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  28,762
WITH		
<b>11</b>		AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  3,947,621
<b>12</b>		CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES  <input type="radio"/>
<b>13</b>		PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  3.3%
<b>14</b>		TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  PN, IA



<b>1</b>		NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  Strand Advisors, Inc. 95-4440863
<b>2</b>		CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  (a) <input type="radio"/> (b) <input type="radio"/>
<b>3</b>		SEC USE ONLY
<b>4</b>		SOURCE OF FUNDS  AF/OO
<b>5</b>		CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)  <input type="radio"/>
<b>6</b>		CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  Delaware
<b>7</b>	NUMBER OF	SOLE VOTING POWER  3,918,859
<b>8</b>	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	SHARED VOTING POWER  28,762
<b>9</b>	EACH REPORTING PERSON	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  3,918,859
<b>10</b>	WITH	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  28,762
<b>11</b>		AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  3,947,621
<b>12</b>		CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES  <input type="radio"/>
<b>13</b>		PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  3.3%
<b>14</b>		TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  CO, HC



<b>1</b>		NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  James D. Dondero
<b>2</b>		CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  (a) <input type="radio"/> (b) <input type="radio"/>
<b>3</b>		SEC USE ONLY
<b>4</b>		SOURCE OF FUNDS  AF/OO
<b>5</b>		CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)  <input type="radio"/>
<b>6</b>		CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  United States
NUMBER OF	<b>7</b>	SOLE VOTING POWER  3,918,859
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	<b>8</b>	SHARED VOTING POWER  28,762
EACH REPORTING PERSON	<b>9</b>	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  3,918,859
WITH	<b>10</b>	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  28,762
<b>11</b>		AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  3,947,621
<b>12</b>		CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES  <input type="radio"/>
<b>13</b>		PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  3.3%
<b>14</b>		TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  IN, HC



<b>1</b>		<p>NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON</p> <p>Highland Funds I, on behalf of its Highland Equity Opportunities Fund series (1) 20-4570552</p>	
<b>2</b>		<p>CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP</p> <p>(a) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(b) <input checked="" type="radio"/></p>	
<b>3</b>		SEC USE ONLY	
<b>4</b>		<p>SOURCE OF FUNDS</p> <p>WC</p>	
<b>5</b>		<p>CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	
<b>6</b>		<p>CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION</p> <p>Delaware</p>	
<p>NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY</p> <p>EACH REPORTING PERSON</p> <p>WITH</p>		<b>7</b>	<p>SOLE VOTING POWER</p> <p>0</p>
		<b>8</b>	<p>SHARED VOTING POWER</p> <p>0</p>
		<b>9</b>	<p>SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER</p> <p>0</p>
		<b>10</b>	<p>SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER</p> <p>0</p>
<b>11</b>		<p>AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON</p> <p>0</p>	
<b>12</b>		<p>CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	
<b>13</b>		<p>PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)</p> <p>0.00%</p>	
<b>14</b>		<p>TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON</p> <p>OO</p>	



- (1) The Reporting Persons may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of the shares of the Issuer's Common Stock beneficially owned by the other Reporting Persons. However, with respect to the matters described herein, no other Reporting Person may bind, obligate or take any action, directly or indirectly, on behalf of Highland Equity Opportunities Fund. The Reporting Person expressly disclaims membership in a group with respect to the Issuer or securities of the Issuer for the purpose of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act.
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<b>1</b>	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON	Highland Multi-Strategy Onshore Master SubFund, L.L.C. 20-5237152
<b>2</b>	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) <input type="radio"/> (b) <input type="radio"/>
<b>3</b>	SEC USE ONLY	
<b>4</b>	SOURCE OF FUNDS	WC
<b>5</b>	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)	<input type="radio"/>
<b>6</b>	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	Delaware
NUMBER OF SHARES  BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  EACH REPORTING PERSON  WITH	<b>7</b>	SOLE VOTING POWER  0
	<b>8</b>	SHARED VOTING POWER  28,762
	<b>9</b>	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  0
	<b>10</b>	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  28,762
<b>11</b>	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	28,762
<b>12</b>	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	<input type="radio"/>
<b>13</b>	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)	0.02%
<b>14</b>	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON	OO



<b>1</b>	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  Highland Multi-Strategy Master Fund, L.P. 20-5237085	
<b>2</b>	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  (a) <input type="radio"/> (b) <input type="radio"/>	
<b>3</b>	SEC USE ONLY	
<b>4</b>	SOURCE OF FUNDS  AF/OO	
<b>5</b>	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)  <input type="radio"/>	
<b>6</b>	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  Bermuda	
NUMBER OF  SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  EACH REPORTING PERSON  WITH	<b>7</b>	SOLE VOTING POWER  0
	<b>8</b>	SHARED VOTING POWER  28,762
	<b>9</b>	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  0
	<b>10</b>	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  28,762
<b>11</b>	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  28,762	
<b>12</b>	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES  <input type="radio"/>	
<b>13</b>	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  0.02%	
<b>14</b>	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  PN/HC	



This Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13D is jointly filed by and on behalf of each reporting person to amend and/or supplement the Schedule 13D relating to shares of Common Stock of the Issuer filed by such reporting person with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 29, 2007, and amended on December 12, 2007, December 18, 2007, July 28, 2008, and August 8, 2008 (as amended, the “**Schedule 13D**”). Capitalized terms used and not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Schedule 13D. Except as otherwise provided herein, all Items of the Schedule 13D remain unchanged.

**Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.**

Item 3 is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

The Reporting Persons have acquired an aggregate of 3,947,621 shares of Common Stock (the “**Shares**”), which are reported herein, in open market transactions for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$80,883,901 with a combination of funds from accounts managed by Highland Capital.

**Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.**

Sections (d) Item 5 remain unchanged.

Section (a) of Item 5 is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(a) The aggregate number and percentage of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by each Reporting Person:

See the disclosure provided in response to Items 11 and 13 on the attached cover page(s). (1)

Section (b) of Item 5 is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(b) The number of shares as to which there is sole or shared power to vote or to direct the vote, or power to dispose or to direct disposition by each Reporting Person.

See the disclosure provided in response to Items 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the attached cover page(s).

Section (c) of Item 5 is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(c) The following table describes transactions in the Common Stock that were effected during the past sixty days or since the most recent filing of Schedule 13D, whichever is less, by the persons named in response to paragraph (a) of this Item 5.

<b>Transaction Date</b>	<b>Reporting Person</b>	<b>Number of Shares Acquired</b>	<b>Number of Shares Disposed</b>	<b>Price Per Share (\$)</b>	<b>Description of Transaction</b>
08/08/2008	Highland Capital		250,000	\$11.5360	Open Market
08/11/2008	Highland Capital		500,000	\$11.5834	Open Market
08/22/2008	Highland Capital		172,416	\$12.4978	Open Market
08/25/2008	Highland Capital		150,000	\$12.2870	Open Market
08/26/2008	Highland Capital		25,000	\$12.2443	Open Market
08/27/2008	Highland Capital		51,384	\$12.4000	Open Market
08/28/2008	Highland Capital		444,873	\$12.3811	Open Market
08/29/2008	Highland Capital		523,500	\$12.0989	Open Market
09/03/2008	Highland Capital		270,000	\$12.1270	Open Market
09/16/2008	Highland Capital		6,393	\$10.2574	Open Market

(1) The percentage calculation is based on 119,421,847 shares of Common Stock outstanding, reported on the Form 10-Q filed with the SEC by the Issuer on August 11, 2008.

Section (e) of Item 5 is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(e) On August 11, 2008, Highland Capital Management, L.P., Strand Advisors, Inc., and James D. Dondero ceased to be the beneficial owners of more than five percent of Common Stock shares of the Issuer.

**SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: September 19, 2008

**Highland Multi-Strategy Onshore Master SubFund, L.L.C.**

By: Highland Multi-Strategy Master Fund, L.P., its managing member

By: Highland Multi-Strategy Fund GP, L.P., its general partner

By: Highland Multi-Strategy Fund GP, L.L.C., its general partner

By: Highland Capital Management, L.P., its sole member

By: Strand Advisors, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ James D. Dondero  
James D. Dondero, President

**Highland Multi-Strategy Master Fund, L.P.**

By: Highland Multi-Strategy Fund GP, L.P., its general partner

By: Highland Multi-Strategy Fund GP, L.L.C., its general partner

By: Highland Capital Management, L.P., its sole member

By: Strand Advisors, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ James D. Dondero  
James D. Dondero, President

**Highland Funds I, on behalf of its Highland Equity Opportunities Fund series**

By: /s/ James D. Dondero  
James D. Dondero, President

**Highland Capital Management, L.P.**

By: Strand Advisors, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ James D. Dondero  
James D. Dondero, President

**Strand Advisors, Inc.**

By: /s/ James D. Dondero  
James D. Dondero, President

**James D. Dondero**

By: /s/ James D. Dondero

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