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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Monnet Dominique</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>932 SOUTHWOOD BLVD.</u> (Street) <u>INCLINE VILLAGE NV 89451</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PDL BIOPHARMA, INC. [PDLI]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/11/2017</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common stock | 09/12/2017 | | A | | 240,200 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$0 | 240,200 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$3.21 | 09/11/2017 | | A | | 961,000 | | (2) | 09/10/2027 | Common stock | \$0 | 961,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The restricted stock will vest in three equal installments on each of December 12, 2018, 2019 and 2020, provided that the recipient's continuous service has not terminated prior to the applicable vesting date, subject to earlier vesting upon a change in control and certain qualifying terminations of employment provided in the severance agreement between the issuer and the recipient.
- The stock options will vest as follows: (a) 25% of the shares subject to the option shall vest on September 10, 2018; (b) 25% of the shares subject to the option shall vest on a monthly basis pro rata over the thirty-six (36) months following September 10, 2018; (c) 25% of the shares subject to the option shall vest upon a 33% increase in the price of the issuer's common stock above the exercise price of the option for 20 consecutive trading days; and (d) 25% of the shares subject to the option shall vest upon a 50% increase in the price of the issuer's common stock above the exercise price of the option for 20 consecutive trading days, provided that the recipient's continuous service has not terminated prior to the applicable vesting date, subject to earlier vesting upon a change in control and certain qualifying terminations of employment provided in the severance agreement between the issuer and the recipient.

Remarks:

/s/ Nathan N. Kryszak,
Attorney-in-Fact for Dominique 09/13/2017
Monnet

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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