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): February 28, 2012

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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 28, 2012, PDL BioPharma, Inc. (the Company) will meet with investors at the RBC Capital Markets Global Healthcare Conference held in New York, New York. A copy of the Company's presentation materials that may be used in such meetings and may be referenced during the oral presentation has been posted to the Company's website and is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Limitation of Incorporation by Reference

In accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, this information, including the Exhibit, is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information that is required to be disclosed solely by Regulation FD.

Cautionary Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K and the presentations include "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Important factors that could impair the Company's royalty assets or business are disclosed in the "Risk Factors" contained in the Company's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K and other periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by such factors. We do not undertake any duty to update any forward-looking statement except as required by law.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Presentation

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

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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 President, Chief Executive Officer and Acting Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 28, 2012

Exhibit No.

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RBC Capital Markets Global Healthcare Conference February 28, 2012



Forward Looking Statements

This presentation contains forward-looking statements, including PDL's expectations with respect to its future royalty revenues, expenses, net income, and cash provided by operating activities.

Each of these forward-looking statements involves risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those, express or implied, in these forward-looking statements. Factors that may cause differences between current expectations and actual results include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 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 PDL's 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 PDL's 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.

Other factors that may cause PDL's actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements in this presentation are discussed in PDL's filings with the SEC, including the "Risk Factors" sections of its annual and quarterly reports filed with the SEC. Copies of PDL's filings with the SEC may be obtained at the "Investors" section of PDL's website at <u>www.pdl.com</u>. PDL expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in PDL's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statements are based for any reason, except as required by law, even as new information becomes available or other events occur in the future. All forward-looking statements in this presentation are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.



Key Information

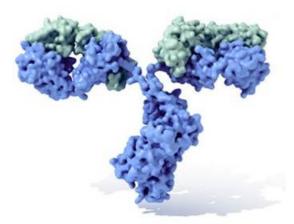
Ticker	PDLI (NASDAQ)
Location	Incline Village, Nevada
Employees	Less than 10
2011 Revenues	\$362 million
2011 Expenses	\$18.3 million
2012 Regular Dividends (Payable Date)	\$0.15 /share to be paid on March 14, June 14, September 14 & December 14
2012 Regular Dividends (Record Date)	March 7, June 7, September 7 & December 7
Q4-2011 Cash Position ¹	\$227.9 million
Shares O/S ²	~ 140 million
Average Daily Volume	~ 2 million shares
1. As of	December 31, 2011; 2. Not fully diluted BioPharma

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Overview of PDL BioPharma



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 over \$17 billion



Mission Statement

Queen et al. Patents

- Manage patent portfolio
- Manage license agreements

Optimize return for shareholders

Purchase new revenue generating assets

- Assets that improve shareholder return
- Commercial stage products
- Highly differentiated product profile
- Indifferent as to therapeutic field
- Prefer biologics with strong patent protection
- Target value of \$75-150 million



Corporate Governance

Management

- John McLaughlin President & CEO
- Christopher Stone
 VP, General Counsel &
 Secretary
- Caroline Krumel
 VP of Finance
- Danny Hart Deputy General Counsel

Board of Directors

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



Licensed Products and Royalty Revenue



Approved Licensed Products: Overview

Product	Licensee	2011 WW Sales	Approved Indications
AVASTIN	Genentech (US) and Roche (ex-US)	\$5.7 billion	 M eta static colorectal cancer Advanced non-small cell lung cancer
bevacizumab			Renal cancer
\smile			Metastatic HER2- breast cancer
			Glioblastoma Ovarian cancer
Herceptin	Genentech (US) and	\$5.7 billion	Metastatic HER2+ breast cancer
trastuzumab	Roche (ex-US)		Metastatic HER2+ stomach cancer
	Genentech (US) and	\$3.6 billion	 Wet age-related macular degeneration (AMD)
RANIBIZUMAB INJECTION	Novartis (ex-US)		 M acular edema or swelling following retinal vein occlusion
			Diabetic macular edema
Xolair	Genentech (US) and	S1.1 billion	M oderate to severe persistent allergic asthma
Omalizumab ne soccataetous soc	Novartis (ex-US)		 First approved therapy designed to target the antibody IgE, a key underlying cause of the symptoms of allergy related asthma
Treas	Biogen Idec and Elan	\$1.1 billion	 Multiple Sciences (MS) in adult patients with relapsing forms of the disease
(natalizumab)			 Crohn's disease in adult patients with moderate-to-severe forms of the disease who have had an inadequate response to or are unable to tolerate conventional therapies
• ACTEMRA tocilizumab	Roche and Chugai	\$0.7 billion	Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

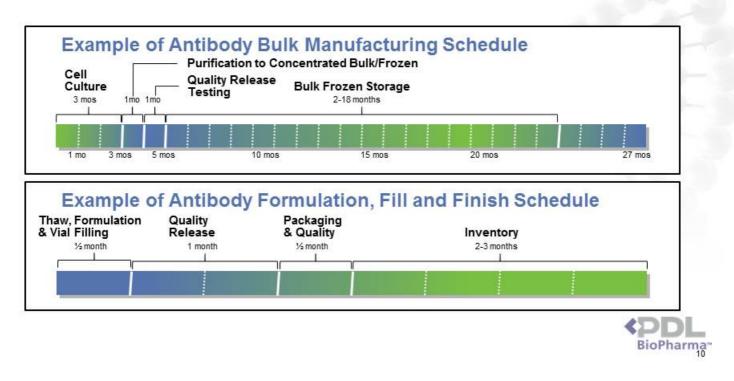
Roche sales assumes 1.08775 CHF/USD



How Long Will PDL Receive Royalties from Queen et al. Patents?

PDL's revenues consist of royalties generated on sales of licensed products

- Sold in a patented jurisdiction before the expiration of the Queen et al. patents in mid-2013 through end of 2014
- or Made prior to the expiration of the Queen et al. patents in a patented jurisdiction and sold anytime thereafter



Queen et al Patents - Royalty Rates

Tysabri and Actemra

Flat, low single-digit royalty

Genentech Products (Avastin, Herceptin, Lucentis¹ and Xolair)

- Tiered royalties on product made or sold in US
- Flat, 3% royalty on product made and sold outside US
- Blended global royalty rate on Genentech Products in 2011 was 1.8%
- Blended royalty rate on Genentech Products in 2011 made or sold in US was 1.4%

Genentech Product Made or Sold 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%
Genentech Product Made and Sold Ex-U.S.	
Net Sales	3.0%

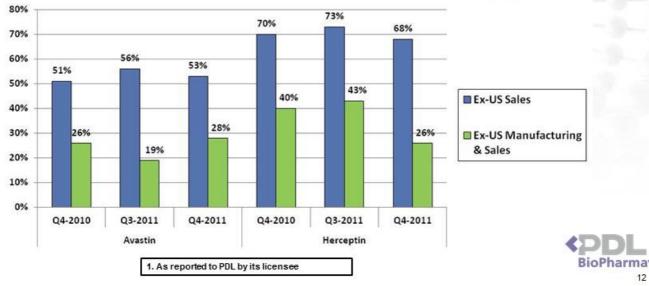
1. As part of a settlement with Novartis, which commercializes Lucentis outside US, PDL agreed to pay to Novartis certain amounts based on net sales of Lucentis made by Novartis during calendar year 2011 and beyond. The amounts to be paid are less than we receive in royalties on such sales and we do not currently expect such amount to materially impact our total annual revenues in 2012.



Potential Shift to Ex-US Manufacturing Sites = Higher Royalties

 Roche is moving some manufacturing ex-US which may result in higher royalties to PDL due to the flat 3% royalty for Genentech Products made and sold ex-US

- Current production at Penzburg (Herceptin) and Basel (Avastin) plants
 - In June 2011, Roche completed 191 million SFr upgrade and expansion of Penzberg facility
- 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
 - Currently, all Lucentis is made in the US



Percent of Net Worldwide Sales¹

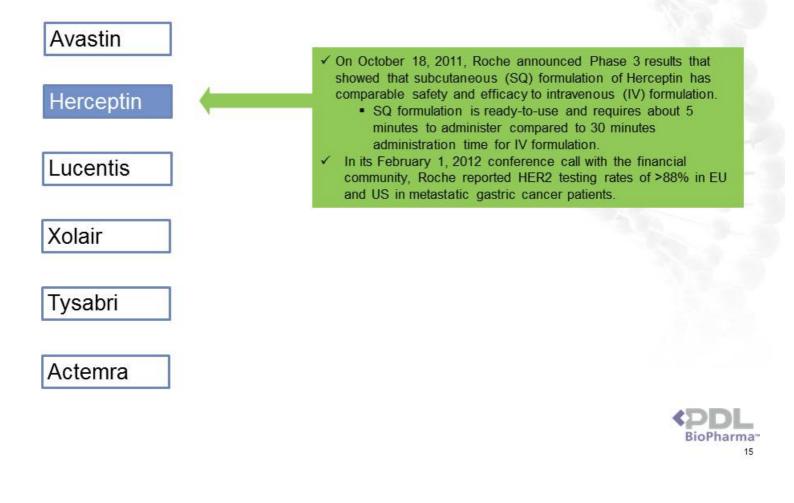
Royalty Products – Approved



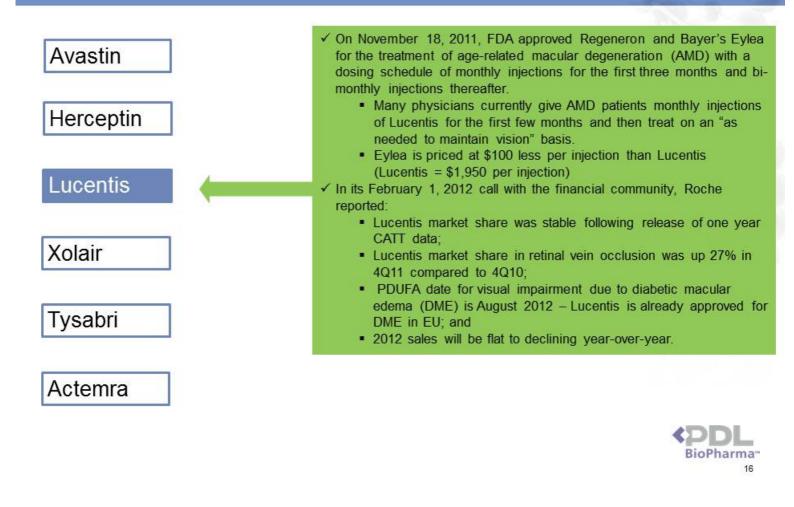
Royalty Products - Avastin

Avastin	✓ On December 23, 2011, Roche announced that the EU approved its use in combination with standard chemotherapy for the treatment of newly diagnosed ovarian
Herceptin	 cancer. ✓ On December 28, data from a Phase 3 trial in patients with advanced, previously untreated ovarian cancer was published in <i>NEJM</i> showing an improvement in the primary endpoint of progression-free survival but not the secondary endpoint of overall survival.
Lucentis	 Roche said that it is unlikely to seek approval in the US, but will not make final decision until overall survival data expected in 2013.
Xolair	✓ On January 26, 2012, Genentech and Roche reported that Phase 3 trial in patients with metastatic colorectal cancer who received Avastin plus chemotherapy as initial treatment and then Avastin plus a different chemotherapeutic after
Tysabri	disease progression met its primary endpoint of overall survival when compared to patients who received only chemotherapy when the disease progressed. ✓ In its February 1, 2012 conference call with the financial
Actemra	 community, Roche reported: Market share in first line metastatic breast cancer had stabilized in EU as of 4Q11 and bottomed out in US subsequent to November 11, 2011 FDA withdrawal of approval for this indication; and Continued uptake in Japan for first line metastatic colorectal and non-small cell lung cancers.

Royalty Products - Herceptin



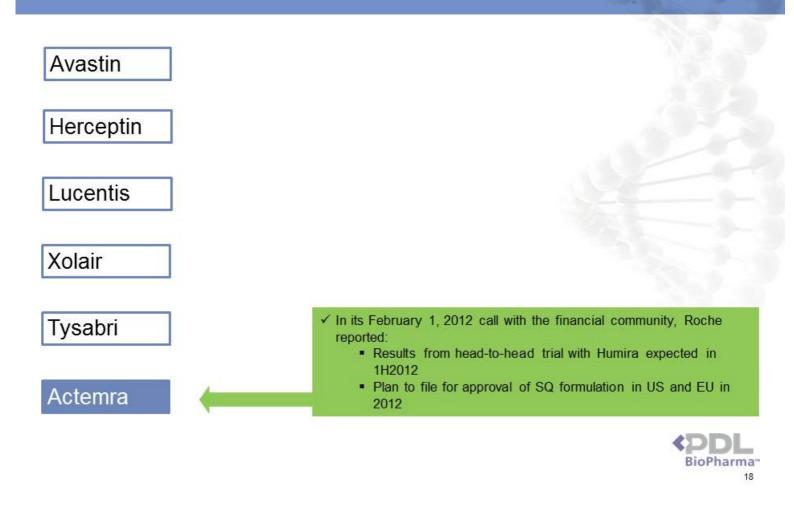
Royalty Products - Lucentis



Royalty Products - Tysabri

Avastin		
Herceptin		
Lucentis		
Xolair	~	On January 20, 2012, Biogen Idec and Elan announced that FDA approved a label change that identifies anti-JCV antibody status as
Tysabri	<	a risk factor for developing an infrequent but serious brain infection known as progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML). In its January 31, 2012 earnings release, Biogen Idec reported that an estimated 64,400 patients were on commercial and clinical
Actemra		therapy worldwide as of the end of 2011.
		BioPharma"

Royalty Products - Actemra



Potential Royalty Products – Development Stage



Potential Royalty Products – T-DM1

T-DM1 Breast HER2+ Cancer	✓ In its February 1, 2012 call with the financial community, Roche estimated annual sales in excess of \$1 billion when approved.
Ocrelizumab Multiple Sclerosis	✓ Roche/Genentech expect to file for second line approval in 2012 and first line in 2014.
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Farletuzumab	

Ovarian Cancer



Potential Royalty Products – Pertuzumab

T-DM1

Breast HER2+ Cancer

Ocrelizumab Multiple Sclerosis

Pertuzumab Breast HER2+ Cancer

Afutuzumab Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

Bapineuzumab Alzheimer's Disease

Solanezumab Alzheimer's Disease

Datoluzumab Colorectal Cancer

Daclizumab Multiple Sclerosis

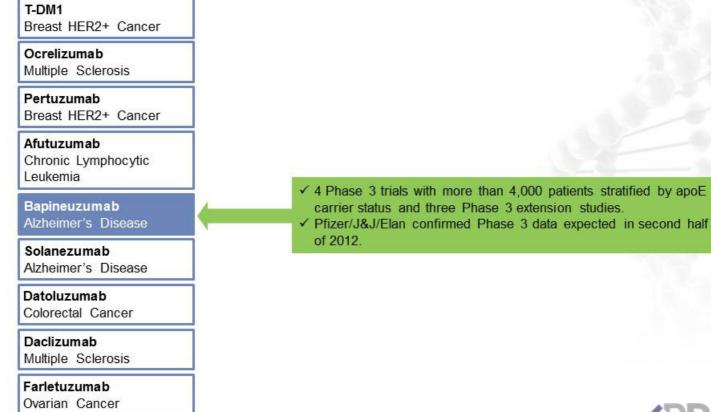
Farletuzumab

Ovarian Cancer

- Pertuzumab + Herceptin + docetaxel improved PFS by 6.1 months in first line treatment of HER2+ breast cancer patients compared to placebo + Herceptin + docetaxel (18.5 months v. 12.4 months, respectively).
- ✓ In its February 1, 2012 call with the financial community, Roche estimated annual sales in excess of \$1 billion when approved.
- ✓ On December 7, 2011, Genentech and Roche announced that they had filed applications for approval in US and EU for treatment of patients with previously untreated, HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer.
- ✓ On February 7, 2012, Genentech and Roche announced that the FDA had granted priority review of this application with a PDUFA date of June 8, 2012.



Potential Royalty Products – Bapineuzumab





Potential Royalty Products – Solanezumab

T-DM1 Breast HER2+ Cancer

Ocrelizumab Multiple Sclerosis

Pertuzumab Breast HER2+ Cancer

Afutuzumab

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

Bapineuzumab Alzheimer's Disease

Solanezumab Alzheimer's Disease

Datoluzumab Colorectal Cancer

Daclizumab Multiple Sclerosis

Farletuzumab

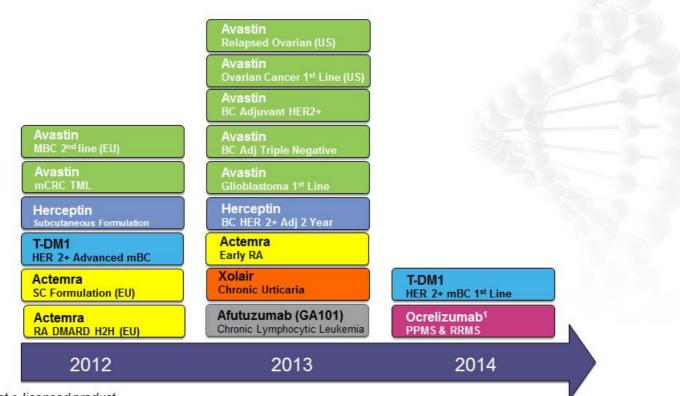
Ovarian Cancer

- ✓ 2 Phase 3 trials with approximately 2,000 patients and 1 Phase 3 extension study.
- ✓ In its 2011 earnings call, Lilly reported that an independent monitoring committee conducted interim safety and futility analyses and recommended that the trials continue.
- ✓ Lilly confirmed that Phase 3 data expected in second half of 2012.
- ✓ PDL receives 12.5 year know-how royalty from date of first sale in addition to patent royalty.



Genentech / Roche – Product Pipeline

US & EU Filings Calendar



1.Not a licensed product Source: Roche investor update, February 1, 2012

Financials



Financial Overview

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
Revenues	362,041	344,975
Expenses	18,338	133,896
Operating income	343,703	211,079
Interest expense	(36,102)	(43,529)
Income before income taxes	307,428	150,370
Income tax expense (benefit)	108,039	58,496
Net income	\$ 199,389	\$ 91,874
Cash, cash equivalents and		
investments	\$227,946	\$248,229
Total assets	\$269,471	\$316,666
Total debt	\$409,985	\$514,698
Total stockholders' deficit	(\$204,273)	(\$324,182)
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Debt



Current and Long-Term Liabilities

• \$155 million 3.75% Convertible Senior Notes due May 2015

- Notes issued May 16, 2011; current conversion rate is 135.9607 / \$1,000 face amount (~\$7.36/share)
- Bond hedge effectively increases conversion price to \$8.65 / share
- Notes "net share settle" and are excluded from diluted EPS

• \$1 million 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes due February 2015

- Conversion rate is 155.396 shares / \$1,000 face amount (~\$6.44/share)
- On January 3 and February 2, 2012, holders of \$179 million of these notes accepted PDL's offer to exchange for PDL's new 2.875% Series 2012 Convertible Senior Notes due February 2015 that "net share settle"
- Effect of exchange is to reduce potential dilution by 28 million shares
- \$179 million 2.875% Series 2012 Convertible Senior Notes due February 2015

-Notes "net share settle" and are excluded from diluted EPS

- \$300 million 10.25% secured non-recourse notes; principal balance of \$93.4 million as of December 31, 2011
 - Approximately 40% of Genentech royalties dedicated to quarterly principal and interest
 - Non-recourse notes
 - After retirement, securitized Genentech royalties will be retained by PDL



Legal Matters



Pending Dispute with Genentech and Roche

- In August 2010, Genentech sent a fax on behalf of Roche and Novartis asserting its products do not infringe PDL's supplementary protection certificates (SPCs)
 - Products include Avastin, Herceptin, Lucentis and Xolair
 - SPCs are patent extensions in Europe that are issued on a country-by-country and productby-product basis

PDL Response

- Genentech's assertions are without merit
- PDL disagrees with Genentech's assertions of non-infringement
- Genentech had waived its rights to challenge our patents, including SPCs in its 2003 Settlement Agreement with PDL

2003 Settlement Agreement

- Resolved intellectual property disputes between the two companies at that time
- Limits Genentech's ability to challenge infringement of PDL's patent rights, including SPCs, and waives Genentech's right to challenge or assist other in challenging the validity of our patent rights



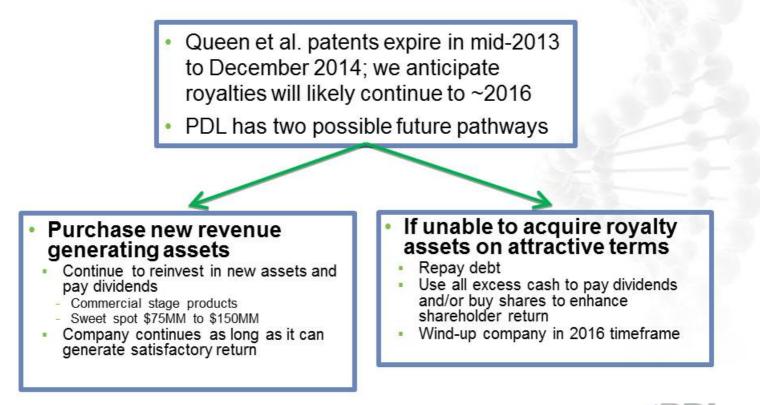
Nevada Lawsuit Against Genentech/Roche

- PDL filed a lawsuit against Genentech and Roche in Nevada state court
 - Lawsuit states that fax constitutes a breach of 2003 Settlement Agreement because Genentech assisted Roche in challenging PDL's patents and SPCs
 - Complaint seeks compensatory damages, including liquidated damages and other monetary remedies set forth in the 2003 Settlement Agreement, punitive damages and attorney's fees
- In November 2010, Genentech and Roche filed two motions to dismiss
 - They contend that 2003 Settlement Agreement applies only to PDL's U.S. patents
 - They asserted that the Nevada court lacks personal jurisdiction over Roche
- On July 11, 2011, court denied Genentech and Roche's motion to dismiss four of PDL's five claims for relief and denied Roche's separate motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction
 - The court dismissed one of PDL's claims that Genentech committed a bad-faith breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing
 - Subsequent to the ruling, Roche has waived its defense that the Nevada court lacks personal jurisdiction for the purposes of this lawsuit
- The court ruling allows PDL to continue to pursue its claims that
 - · Genentech is obligated to pay royalties to PDL on international sales of the Genentech Products
 - Genentech, by challenging, at the behest of Roche and Novartis, whether PDL's SPCs cover the Genentech Products breached its contractual obligations to PDL under the 2003 settlement agreement
 - Genentech breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing with respect to the 2003 settlement agreement
 - Roche intentionally and knowingly interfered with PDL's contractual relationship with Genentech in conscious disregard of PDL's rights
- Parties are currently in discovery and trial is scheduled for May 2013

Optimizing Stockholder Return



Business Strategy





Optimizing Stockholder Return

Continuously evaluating alternatives

- Dividends
- Capital restructure
- Share repurchase
- Company sale
- Purchase of commercial stage, royalty generating assets



Investment Highlights

- Strong historic revenue growth from approved products
- Potential for additional indications from existing products, new product approvals and purchase of new revenue generating assets
- Potential to grow and diversify revenues with the addition of new royalty assets
- Significantly reduced expenses with no R&D burn
- Liquidity volume averages 2 million shares/day
- Return to stockholders
 - In 2011, paid regular, quarterly dividends totaling \$0.60/share
 - In 2012, will pay regular, quarterly dividends of \$0.15/share on March 14, June 14, September 14 and December 14

