

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| <b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b><br><u>TORRES LAURIE C</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O PROTEIN DESIGN LABS, INC.</u><br><u>34801 CAMPUS DRIVE</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>FREMONT CA 94555</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | <b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b><br><u>PDL BIOPHARMA, INC.</u> [ PDLI ] | <b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b><br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>VP, Human Resources</u> |
|  | <b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b><br><u>07/13/2006</u>              |   |
| <b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>  |   |   |

**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                    | 07/13/2006                           |  | F <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 1,118   | D          | \$17.4 | 11,382  | 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) |   | 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) |   |  |  |   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Represents the number of shares withheld by the issuer and canceled to satisfy tax withholding obligations of the reporting person that arose on the transaction date in connection with the vesting of restricted shares of common stock.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Cynthia Shumate by  
Cynthia Shumate, Attorney in 07/17/2006  
Fact for Laurie C. Torres

\*\* 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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