

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SANDMAN PAUL W</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O PDL BIOPHARMA, INC.</u> <u>932 SOUTHWOOD BOULEVARD</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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/04/2009</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	06/04/2009		A		6,983 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$7.16	16,983	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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					

Explanation of Responses:

1. The grant will cliff-vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant so long as the grant recipient continues to serve on the Board of Directors of PDL Biopharma, Inc. During the one-year vesting period, the grant recipient will have the right to vote the shares and receive any dividends paid, except that dividends and other distributions will be accumulated and paid on the earlier of the same vesting conditions as the original award or March 15th of the year following the payment of such dividend or distribution to all stockholders.

Remarks:

/s/ Christopher Stone by
Christopher Stone, Attorney- 06/08/2009
in-Fact for Paul W. Sandman

** 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

This undersigned, a director of PDL BioPharma, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), hereby constitutes and appoints Christine Larson and Christopher Stone, and each of them, for so long as such person is an employee of the Company, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, each with the power to act alone for the undersigned and in the undersigned's name, place and stead, to:

1. Complete and execute Forms 3, 4 and 5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and other forms and all amendments thereto on the undersigned's behalf as such attorney-in-fact shall in his or her discretion determine to be required or advisable pursuant to Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or any successor laws and regulations, as a consequence of the undersigned's beneficial ownership of securities of the Company or changes in such beneficial ownership; and
2. Do all acts necessary in order to file such forms and amendments with the Securities and Exchange Commission, any securities exchange or national association, the Company and such other persons or agencies as the attorney-in-fact shall deem appropriate.

The undersigned hereby ratifies and confirms all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with or liability under Section 16 of the Exchange Act or any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or any successor laws and regulations.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's beneficial ownership of securities of the Company or changes in such beneficial ownership, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the Company and the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

The undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney as of April 7, 2009.

Signature: /s/ Paul W. Sandman
Name: Paul W. Sandman