FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SAXE JON S | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PDL BIOPHARMA, INC. [PDLI] | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|---------|---|---|-------|------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|---|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O PDL BIOPHARMA, INC. 34801 CAMPUS DRIVE | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/11/2007 | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | | | |
| (Street) FREMONT CA 94555 | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
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| Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | | | action | ar) i | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea | | 3. Transacti Code (Ins | 4. S | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, | | ed (A) or | 5. Amou Securitie Benefici | nt of es ally Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code V | / Am | ount | (A) or (D) Prid | | Transac (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | | ,iiisti. 4) |
| | | Т | | | | | | | uired, Dis s, options | | | | | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day | Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/ | ate | e Am ar) Sec Und Der | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | s S Ily | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expira Date | ition | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$20.6 | 09/11/2007 | | | A | | 1,000 | | (1) | 09/11/ | 2014 | Common Stock | 1,000 | \$0 | 1,000 | | D | |
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Explanation of Responses:

1. This option will vest with respect to approximately 83 shares on October 11, 2007 and with respect to approximately 83 of the shares monthly thereafter.

Remarks:

/s/ Francis Sarena by Francis Sarena, Attorney-in-Fact for

09/13/2007

Jon S. Saxe

** 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).
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