PDL BIOPHARMA, INC.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hasnain Faheem

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PDL BIOPHARMA, INC. [PDLI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2008

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

C/O PDL BIOPHARMA, INC, 1400

(Street)

(State)

(First)

SEAPORT BLVD

below) President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

> > D

Person

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

Code V Amount

Α

or (D) Price

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Transaction(s)

Common 10/01/2008 Stock

125,000 \$0 125,000 (1)

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

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

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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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day, r	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.34	10/01/2008		A	650,000	<u>(2)</u>	10/01/2015	Common Stock	650,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 5	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Hasnain Faheem C/O PDL BIOPHARMA, INC 1400 SEAPORT BLVD REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063	X		President & CEO			

Signatures

/s/ Faheem

Hasnain 10/03/2008

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) These restricted shares are subject to risk of forfeiture that lapses with respect to 25% of the shares annually over four years after the date of grant.
- (2) This option will vest respect to approximately 162,500 shares on October 1, 2009 and with respect to approximately 13,541 of the shares monthly thereafter.

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