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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A/A

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE **SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Quidel Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State of incorporation or organization)

10165 McKellar Court, San Diego, CA

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

None (Title of Class)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered

Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered

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The Nasdaq National Market

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(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

92121-4201

(Zip Code)

Preferred Stock Purchase Rights

94-2573850

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The undersigned registrant hereby amends the following items of its Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 14, 1997, as follows:

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The Rights Agreement (the "Rights Agreement") dated as of December 31, 1996 between Quidel Corporation (the "Company") and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as Rights Agent (the "Rights Agent"), was amended as of May 9, 2002 to modify the definition of "Exempt Person" (the "Amendment"). A copy of the Amendment to the Rights Agreement is available as an exhibit to the Company's Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 13, 2002. In addition, effective as of May 24, 2002, the Company further amended and restated the Rights Agreement in order to eliminate certain provisions relating to "Continuing Directors" and to restate the Amendment (the "Amended and Restated Rights Agreement"). A copy of the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement is attached as Exhibit 1 hereto.

Item 2. Exhibits.

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Amended and Restated Rights Agreement dated as of May 24, 2002, by and between Quidel Corporation and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as Rights Agent.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Date: May 24, 2002

QUIDEL CORPORATION	
By:	/s/ PAUL E. LANDERS
	Paul E. Landers Vice President and CFO 3

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