



Quidel Fourth Quarter Conference Call Alert

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SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 27, 2003--Quidel Corporation (Nasdaq: QDEL), a leading provider of rapid point-of-care (POC) diagnostic tests, will release 2002 fourth quarter results after market close on Monday, February 10 at 4:10 p.m. ET (1:10 p.m. PT).

S. Wayne Kay, president and chief executive officer, and Paul E. Landers, vice president and chief financial officer, will be hosting an investment-community conference call beginning at 5:00 p.m. ET (2:00 p.m. PT) on Monday, February 10, 2003, to discuss those results and to answer questions.

To participate in the live call by telephone, please dial (888) 803-7396 from the U.S., or for international callers, please dial (706) 634-1052.

Those interested in listening to the conference call live via the Internet may do so by visiting the Company's Web site at www.quidel.com. To listen to the live call, please go to the Website 15 minutes prior to its start to register, download, and install the necessary audio software.

A replay will be available on Quidel's Web site for 14 days. A telephone replay will be available for 48 hours by dialing (800) 642-1687 from the U.S., or (706) 645-9291 for international callers, and entering reservation 7842253.

About Quidel

Quidel Corporation, a worldwide company helping women and their families live healthy lives, discovers, develops, manufactures and markets rapid point-of-care diagnostic tests for detection of medical conditions and illnesses. These products provide accurate, rapid and cost-effective diagnostic information for acute and chronic conditions associated with women's health in areas such as reproduction and diseases of the elderly. Quidel also provides point-of-care diagnostics for infectious diseases, including influenza A and B, Strep throat, H. pylori infection, chlamydia, infectious mononucleosis and infectious vaginitis. Quidel's products are sold to healthcare professionals for use in physician offices, clinical laboratories and pharmacies, and to consumers through organizations that provide private label, store brand products. These tests provide diagnostic information that enables rapid treatment and improves health outcomes, lowers costs and increases patient satisfaction. For more information, please visit Quidel's Web site at <http://www.quidel.com>.

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