

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
 Form 4  
 February 14, 2014

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HIGGINS JOHN L**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC [LGND]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 200**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/12/2014**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President & CEO**

**LA JOLLA, CA 92037**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/12/2014		M		16,875	A	\$ 9.96
Common Stock	02/12/2014		S		16,875 (1)	D	\$ 75
Common Stock	02/12/2014		A		8,000	A	\$ 0

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)

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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 74.42	02/12/2014		A	75,000	(2)	02/12/2024	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 74.42	02/12/2014		A	10,000	(3)	02/12/2024	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 74.42	02/12/2014		A	10,000	(3)	02/12/2024	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.96	02/12/2014		M	16,875 (1)	(4)	02/15/2020	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HIGGINS JOHN L 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 200 LA JOLLA, CA 92037	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

By: John P. Sharp For: John L. Higgins 02/14/2014

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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) The sale reported on this Form 4 was made pursuant to a written trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on September 11, 2013, in accordance with Rule 10b5-1.

(2)

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Grant to reporting person of options, exercisable over a 4-year period measured from the date of grant, 12-1/2% after six months, then 1/48th of the Option Shares per month thereafter. The date of grant is 02/12/14.

(3) The options vest upon satisfaction of certain performance criteria for the year ended December 31, 2015.

(4) Grant to reporting person of options, exercisable over a 4-year period measured from the date of grant, 12-1/2% after six months, then 1/48th of the Option Shares per month thereafter. The date of grant is 02/15/10.

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