

KNOTT DAVID M  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
KNOTT DAVID M

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)  
485 UNDERHILL BLVD, STE 205  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/03/2011

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

SYOSSET, NY 11791-3419

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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                       | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                        | Price                                                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 587,180                                                                                                            | I                                                                       | By Knott<br>Partners,<br>L.P. (1) (3)                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 176,571                                                                                                            | I                                                                       | By<br>Shoshone<br>Partners,<br>L.P. (1) (3)                       |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 75,033                                                                                                             | I                                                                       | By<br>Mulsanne<br>Partners,<br>L.P. (1) (3)                       |

|                                        |            |  |   |        |   |          |        |                                                                       |                                             |
|----------------------------------------|------------|--|---|--------|---|----------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock                           |            |  |   |        |   | 345,834  | I      | By Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P.<br><u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u> |                                             |
| Common Stock                           | 03/03/2011 |  | P | 1,000  | A | \$ 11.02 | 1,666  | I                                                                     | By Managed Accounts C <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> |
| Common Stock                           | 03/03/2011 |  | P | 23,000 | A | \$ 11.02 | 34,583 | I                                                                     | By Managed Accounts D <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> |
| Common Stock                           | 03/03/2011 |  | P | 13,400 | A | \$ 11.02 | 20,100 | I                                                                     | By Managed Accounts E <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> |
| Common Stock                           |            |  |   |        |   |          | 42,500 | D                                                                     |                                             |
| Restricted Common Stock <sup>(4)</sup> |            |  |   |        |   |          | 833    | D                                                                     |                                             |

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                           | Relationships                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                                                          | Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other |
| KNOTT DAVID M<br>485 UNDERHILL BLVD<br>STE 205<br>SYOSSET, NY 11791-3419 | X                                         |

## Signatures

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| /s/David M.<br>Knott               | 03/07/2011 |
| **Signature of<br>Reporting Person | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

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\*\* 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 Reporting Person is the managing member of Knott Partners Management, LLC, which is (a) the sole general partner of Shoshone Partners, L.P., Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P. and Mulsanne Partners, L.P. and (b) the managing general partner of Knott Partners, L.P. The Reporting Person is also a general partner of Knott Partners, L.P.

(2) The Reporting Person is the sole director and the president of Dorset Management Corporation, which (a) provides investment management services to Knott Partners Offshore (SRI) Fund Limited and (b) separate institutional managed accounts (each, a "Managed Account").

(3) As a result of the Reporting Person's interests in Knott Partners Management, LLC and in Dorset Management Corporation, the Reporting Person has investment discretion and control of the securities in this entry. The Reporting Person may be deemed to beneficially own an indirect pecuniary interest in securities in this entry as a result of a performance related fee. Except with respect to Knott Partners, L.P., Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P., Shoshone Partners, L.P., and Mulsanne Partners, L.P., in which the Reporting Person owns a beneficial interest, the Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership therein except to the extent ultimately realized. Each of Knott Partners, L.P., Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P., Shoshone Partners, L.P., Mulsanne Partners, L.P., Knott Partners Offshore (SRI) Fund Limited, and each of the Managed Accounts disclaims beneficial ownership of securities reported as owned by any other party.

(4) The restricted stock represented in Column 5 of Table I (a) was acquired by a grant of the Board of Directors of the Company at their annual meeting on May 25, 2010, and (b) vests in twelve successive equal monthly installments from the date of grant or immediately upon a change in control of the Company.

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