

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 NEGRO-VILAR ANDRES

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)  
 10275 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/11/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Exe V-P, R & D, CSO

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

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)	(A) or (D)	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	Price		
Common Stock	12/11/2006		M		18,334	\$ 7.625	25,567	D
Common Stock	12/11/2006		S		18,334	\$ 10.755	7,233	D
Common Stock	12/11/2006		M		6,089	\$ 7.25	13,322	D
Common Stock	12/11/2006		S		6,089	\$ 10.755	7,233	D
Common Stock	12/11/2006		M		5,577	\$ 7.25	12,810	D

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.25	12/11/2006		M	6,089	01/05/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> 07/05/2015	Common Stock	6,089
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.25	12/11/2006		M	5,577	03/30/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 07/05/2015	Common Stock	5,577
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.625	12/11/2006		M	18,334	03/30/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 09/30/2009	Common Stock	18,334

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

NEGRO-VILAR ANDRES  
10275 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Exe V-P, R & D, CSO

## Signatures

By: Barbara J. Olson For: Andres  
Negro-Vilar

12/13/2006

\_\_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) 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 7/5/05.
- (2) 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 9/30/99.

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