

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 *
KOZARICH JOHN W

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)
 01/20/2016

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

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
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(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/20/2016		M	V	1,666 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 59.4 51,377 D
Common Stock	01/20/2016		S		300 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 92.71 51,077 ⁽²⁾ D
Common Stock	01/20/2016		S		600 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 93.83 50,477 ⁽³⁾ D
Common Stock	01/20/2016		S		200 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 50,277 94.71 D

Common Stock	01/20/2016	S	200 ⁽¹⁾	D	<u>(4)</u> \$ 96.28	50,077	D
Common Stock	01/20/2016	S	366 ⁽¹⁾	D	<u>(5)</u> \$ 97.99	49,711	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)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 59.4	01/20/2016	01/20/2016	M	1,666 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(7)</u> 01/31/2016	Common Stock 1,666

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KOZARICH JOHN W 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 200 LA JOLLA, CA 92037	X			

Signatures

By: Charles S. Berkman For: John W. Kozarich
01/22/2016

__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 December 01, 2015, in accordance with Rule 10b5-1.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$92.24 to \$93.24, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request to the Securities Exchange Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$93.34 to \$94.32, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request to the Securities Exchange Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$94.51 to \$94.91, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request to the Securities Exchange Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(5) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$96.23 to \$96.33, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request to the Securities Exchange Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(6) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$97.68 to \$98.18, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request to the Securities Exchange Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(7) The option becomes exercisable in twelve successive equal monthly installments upon completion of each calendar month of service beginning 1/31/06.

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