

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Loeb Daniel S

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)  
 THIRD POINT LLC, 390 PARK AVENUE  
 (Street)

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

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

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/12/2006		P	130,000 A	\$ 10.7 7,507,378	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/13/2006		P	15,000 A	\$ 10.79 7,522,378	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/13/2006		P	205,000 A	\$ 10.9 7,727,378	I	See footnote (1)

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 (Instr. 5)
				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
Loeb Daniel S THIRD POINT LLC 390 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Daniel S.  
Loeb

12/14/2006

\*\*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).

7,727,378 shares of common stock are owned by certain funds (the "Funds") managed by Third Point LLC ("Third Point"). Daniel S. Loeb is the Chief Executive Officer of Third Point. By reason of the provisions of Rule 16a-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Third Point and Mr. Loeb may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of the securities beneficially owned by the Funds.

- (1) Pursuant to an arrangement between Third Point and Mr. Loeb, the Funds are entitled to all economic benefits attaching to 2,378 of such shares, which were granted by the Issuer to Mr. Loeb in connection with his service as a member of the Issuer's board of directors. Third Point and Mr. Loeb each disclaim beneficial ownership of all such securities, except to the extent of any indirect pecuniary interest therein.

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