

HIGGINS JOHN L

Form 4

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FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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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)

**3911 SORRENTO VALLEY
BOULEVARD, STE 110**

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/19/2018

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

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	01/19/2018		M	Amount (1) 16,249 (A) or (D) A	Price \$ 16.14	162,299	D
Common Stock	01/19/2018		S	Amount (1) 16,249	\$ 155	146,050	D
Common Stock	01/19/2018		S	Amount (1) 11,850 (2) D	\$ 151.9246 (2)	134,200	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.14	01/19/2018	01/19/2018	M	16,249 (1)	(3) 02/15/2019	Common Stock	16,249

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HIGGINS JOHN L 3911 SORRENTO VALLEY BOULEVARD, STE 110 SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	X Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

By: Charles S. Berkman For: John L. Higgins 01/22/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The sale reported on this Form 4 was made pursuant to a written trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on December 20, 2017, 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
(2) \$150.81 to \$152.24, 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) 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 2/15/09.

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