

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

FORM 144

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ATTENTION: Transmit for filing 3 copies of this form concurrently with either placing an order with a broker to execute sale or executing a sale directly with a market maker

1(a) NAME OF ISSUER (Please type or print)

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

1(b) IRS IDENT. NO. (c) SEC FILE NO.

77-0160744 | 000-20720

1(d) ADDRESS OF ISSUER STREET

10275 Science Center Drive

1(d) CITY STATE ZIP CODE

San Diego CA 92121-1117

1(e) TELEPHONE

AREA CODE | NUMBER

858 | 550-7500

2(a) NAME OF PERSON FOR WHOSE ACCOUNT THE SECURITIES ARE TO BE SOLD

ELAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICES LTD

2(b) IRS IDENT. NO. (c) RELATIONSHIP TO ISSUER

N/A 10% Stockholder

2(d) ADDRESS STREET

102 St. James Court

2(d) CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Flatts Smiths Parish Bermuda FL 04

INSTRUCTION: The person filing this notice should contact the issuer to obtain the I.R.S. Identification Number and the SEC File Number.

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3(a)	3(b)	SEC USE ONLY	3(c)	3(d)	3(e)	3(f)	3(g)
Title of the Class of Securities to be Sold	Name and Address of Each Broker Through Whome the Securities are to be Offered or Each Market Maker who is Acquiring the Securities	Broker- Dealer File Number (See instr. 3(c))	Number of Shares or Other Units to be Sold (See instr. 3(d))	Aggregate Market Value (See instr. 3(e))	Number of Shares or Other Units Outstanding (See instr. 3(e))	Approximate Date of Sale (MO. DAY YR.) (See instr. 3(f))	Name of Each Securities Exchange (See instr. 3(g))
Common Stock	Goldman, Sachs & Co.		6,400,000	\$78,848,000	69,267,262	05/28/2003	NASDAQ

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1.(a) Name of issuer
 - (b) Issuer's I.R.S. Identification Number
 - (c) Issuer's S.E.C. file number, if any
 - (d) Issuer's address, including zip code
 - (e) Issuer's telephone number, including area code
- 2.(a) Name of person for whose account the securities are to be sold
 - (b) Such person's I.R.S. identification number, if such person is an entity
 - (c) Such person's relationship to the issuer (e.g., officer, director, 10% stockholder, or member of immediate family of any of the foregoing)
 - (d) Such person's address, including zip code
- 3.(a) Title of the class of securities to be sold
 - (b) Name and address of each broker through whom the securities are intended to be sold
 - (c) Number of shares or other units to be sold (if debt securities, give the aggregate face amount)
 - (d) Aggregate market value of the securities to be sold as of a specified date within 10 days prior to the filing of this notice
 - (e) Number of shares or other units of the class outstanding, or if debit securities the face amount thereof outstanding, as shown by the most recent report or statement published by the issuer
 - (f) Approximate date on which the securities are to be sold
 - (g) Name of each securities exchange, if any, on which the securities are intended to be sold

TABLE I - SECURITIES TO BE SOLD

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

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Title of the Class	Date You Acquired	Nature of Acquisition	Name of Person from Whom Acquired (If gift, also give date donor acquired)	Amount of Securities Acquired	Date of Acquisition	Payment	Nature of Payment
Common Stock	12/10/1999	Received in lieu of license fees payable by Ligand to Elan.	Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc.	498,443	12/10/1999	right to receive license fees.	Surrender of
Common Stock	03/01/2000	Conversion of zero coupon convertible senior notes of Ligand.	Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc.	1,501,543	03/01/2000	notes.	Surrender of
Common Stock	02/01/2002	Conversion of zero coupon convertible senior notes of Ligand.	Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc.	4,400,014	02/01/2002	notes.	Surrender of

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. If the securities were purchased and full payment therefore was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note

or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

2. If within two years after the acquisition of the securities the person for whose account they are to be sold had any short positions, put or other option to dispose of securities referred to in paragraph (d)(3) of Rule 144, furnish full information with respect thereto.

TABLE II - SECURITIES SOLD DURING THE PAST 3 MONTHS

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

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Name and Address of Seller	Title of Securities Sold	Amount of	Gross	
		Date of Sale	Securities	Proceeds
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REMARKS:

INSTRUCTIONS:

See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.

ATTENTION:

The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to sold hereby represents by signing this notice that he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the securities to be sold which have not been publicly disclosed.

May 28, 2003

/s/ D. M. Buryj

(DATE OF NOTICE)

(SIGNATURE)

The notice shall be signed by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold. At least one copy of the notice shall be manually signed.

Any copies not manually signed shall bear typed or printed signatures.

ATTENTION: Intentional misstatements or omission of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).