

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sabba Stephen L		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC [LGND]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) DORSET MANAGEMENT CORP, 485 UNDERHILL BLVD SUITE 205		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/04/2018			
(Street) SYOSSET, NY 11791		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock (1) (2)	09/04/2018		M		2,500	A	\$ 8.58	29,356	D	
Common Stock (1) (2)	09/04/2018		M		2,500	A	\$ 17.88	31,856	D	
Common Stock (2)	09/04/2018		S		5,000	D	\$ 255.05 (3)	26,856	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 8.58	09/04/2018		M		2,500	(5)	05/25/2020	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 0	0	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 17.88	09/04/2018		M		2,500	(5)	05/29/2019	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 0	0	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sabba Stephen L DORSET MANAGEMENT CORP 485 UNDERHILL BLVD SUITE 205 SYOSSET, NY 11791	X			

Signatures

By: /s/Stephen L. Sabba

09/06/2018

--Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The Reporting Person acquired these securities, as represented in Column 4, upon exercise of the options and at their respective per share exercise price reported on Table II, as follows: for the first row on Table I, at an exercise price of \$8.58/option set forth on the first row on Table II, and for the second row on Table I, at an exercise price of \$17.88/option set forth on the second row on Table II.

(2) These securities, as represented in Column 5, include a grant of 493 restricted shares in a transaction exempt from Section 16b treatment, as originally reported on a Form 4 filed June 21, 2018, which shares will vest in full on the earlier of (a) the date of the next annual meeting of the Company stockholders following the grant date or (b) on the first anniversary of the grant date.

(3) The price reported is based on an average share price from the following transactions: ((100 shares @ \$255.64)+(100 shares @ \$255.46)+(200 shares @ \$255.45)+(200 shares @ \$255.26)+(106 shares @ \$255.16)+(4,294 shares @ \$255.00))/5,000 shares. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Company, any security holder of the Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares and the sale prices for each of the foregoing transactions.

(4) These securities, as represented in Table II, were acquired in transactions exempt from 16b treatment: the options in the first row were originally granted on May 25, 2010 and those in the second row were originally granted on May 29, 2009 (as both were reported, at their respective exercise prices in Column 2 following the Company's stock split, on a Form 4 filed June 6, 2011).

(5) These securities are currently fully vested and exercisable, having vested in twelve successive equal monthly installments upon completion of each calendar month of service beginning as follows: for those on the first row of Table II, on May 25, 2010, and for those on the second row of Table II, on May 29, 2009.

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