

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 * 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"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/04/2021			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		
DORSET MANAGEMENT CORP, 485 UNDERHILL BLVD SUITE 205			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) SYOSSET, NY 11791								
(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)	06/04/2021		A		630	A	\$ 0	25,061	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						Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 115.39	06/04/2021		A		3,269		(2)	06/04/2031	Common Stock	3,269	\$ 0	3,269	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 117.58							(3)	06/10/2030	Common Stock	2,468		2,468	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

/s/Stephen L. Sabba	06/08/2021
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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) These securities, as represented in Column 5, include a grant of 630 restricted shares approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the 2021 Meeting, 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.
These securities, as represented in Column 5, were acquired by a grant of 3,269 shares approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the 2021 Meeting. That grant (a) vests in
- (2) full on the earlier of (i) the date of the next annual meeting of the Company stockholders following the grant date or (ii) on the first anniversary of the grant date, and (b) will vest immediately (i) upon a change in control or a hostile takeover of the Company or (ii) the death or permanent disability of the grantee if still serving at that time.
- (3) These securities, as represented in Column 5, were acquired by a grant of 2,468 shares approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the 2020 Meeting and are fully vested and exercisable as more fully described on a Form 4 for this Reporting Person filed on June 12, 2020.

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