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Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated

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<PERIOD>03/14/03

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

[] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)

Kozarich, John W.

10275 Science Center Drive

San Diego, California 92121

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (LGND)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Day/Year

03/14/2003

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

[X] Director [] 10% Owner

[] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below)

Director

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

[X] Form filed by One Reporting Person

[] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1) Title of Security	2) Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	3. Trans- or Disposed of (D) A or Amount Code V	4. Securities Acquired(A) Beneficially Owned at D Price	5) Amount of Indirect Beneficial Ownership End of Month I	6) 7) Nature of	
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Common Stock	03/14/03	P	1,000	A \$5.4500	D Direct	
Common Stock	03/14/03	P	1,000	A \$5.4600	D Direct	
Common Stock	03/14/03	P	1,000	A \$5.5100	D Direct	
Common Stock	03/14/03	P	300	A \$5.5500	D Direct	
Common Stock	03/14/03	P	1,700	A \$5.5400	5,000 D Direct	

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Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1 through 6)

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3) Trans- action Date Code V	4) Trans- action or Disposed of (D) A D	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) Exercisable	6) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Expiration	
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Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1,3 and 7 through 11)

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Transaction Date	3) Trans- action of Underlying Securities	7) Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8) Price of Derivative Security	9) Number of Derivative Securities D	10) Number of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	11) Nature of
			Amount or Number of Shares	Owned at End of Month			
-		Title					

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Explanation of Responses:

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SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/S/ By: Barbara J. Olson
For: John W. Kozarich
DATE 03/14/03