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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LYONS GARY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC [RIGL]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

05/28/2010

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O RIGEL

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 1180

(Street)

VETERANS BLVD.

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

(Zip)

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

(City) (State) 1.Title of

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

Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.73	05/28/2010		A	15,000	<u>(1)</u>	05/28/2020	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Other

Director

LYONS GARY A C/O RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 1180 VETERANS BLVD. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080



Signatures

/s/Dolly Vance 05/28/2010 (Attorney-in-Fact)

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) The shares vest monthly for twelve (12) months from the date of grant.

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