

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 18, 2009**

**LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
**of Incorporation or Organization)**

**001-33093**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**77-0160744**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

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**11085 North Torrey Pines Road, Suite 300, La Jolla, California, 92037**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

**(858) 550-7500**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

**N/A**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ..  Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ..  Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

In connection with the announcement by Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated ( Ligand ) that its partner GlaxoSmithKline has received a positive opinion for Revolade (eltrombopag/Promacta) from the European Medicines Agency 's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) for the oral treatment of thrombocytopenia (reduced platelet count) in adults with the blood disorder chronic immune (idiopathic) thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), the Company issued a press release on December 18, 2009. A copy of this press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

**Exhibit**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1*	Press Release of the Company dated December 18, 2009.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned.

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

Date: December 21, 2009

By: */s/* CHARLES S. BERKMAN  
Name: **Charles S. Berkman**  
Title: **Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary**

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