

PETTTIT WILLIAM A
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FORM 4

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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 *
PETTTIT WILLIAM A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS
INC [LGND]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10275 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) Sr. V-P, HR and Administration
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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	12/15/2006		M		11,411	A	\$ 10.68
Common Stock	12/15/2006		S		11,411	D	\$ 11.25
Common Stock	12/15/2006		M		17,096	A	\$ 10.68
Common Stock	12/15/2006		S		17,096	D	\$ 11.25
Common Stock	12/15/2006		M		155	A	\$ 10.68
							12,300
							889
							17,985
							889
							1,044

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Common Stock	12/15/2006	S	155	D	\$ 11.24	889	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	M	1,200	A	\$ 10.68	2,089	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 11.31	889	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	M	138	A	\$ 10.68	1,027	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	S	138	D	\$ 11.37	889	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M	11,411	01/06/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 07/06/2011	Common Stock	11,411	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M	17,096	01/06/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 07/06/2011	Common Stock	17,096	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M	155	01/06/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 07/06/2011	Common Stock	155	
	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M	1,200	01/06/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 07/06/2011		1,200	

Employee
Stock
Option
(right to
buy)

Common
Stock

Employee
Stock
Option \$ 10.68 12/15/2006
(right to
buy)

M 138 01/06/2002⁽¹⁾ 07/06/2011

Common
Stock

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Sr. V-P, HR and Administration

Signatures

By: Barbara J. Olson For: William A.
Pettit

12/19/2006

**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).
- (1) Grant to reporting person of options, exercisable over a 4-year period measured from the date of grant, 12-1/2% after six months, then 1/48th of the Option Shares per month thereafter. The date of grant is 7/6/01.

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