

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC
Form 8-K
May 08, 2013

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 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): May 8, 2013
LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	77-0160744 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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11119 North Torrey Pines Road, Suite 200 La Jolla, CA (Address of principal executive offices) (858) 550-7500	92037 (Zip Code)
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(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)
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 - 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))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 8, 2013, Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2013. A copy of this press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1. In accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the information in 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 (the “Securities Act”), or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 8, 2013, in the same press release that the Company announced its first quarter financial results, the Company also provided financial guidance for the second quarter of 2013. A copy of this press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Note: Information in this Current Report on Form 8-K furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 8, 2013, the Company announced that its Board of Directors has authorized the Company to repurchase up to \$5.0 million of its common stock from time to time in privately negotiated and open market transactions for a period of up to one year, subject to the Company’s management’s evaluation of market conditions, applicable legal requirements and other factors. The Company is not obligated to acquire common stock under this program and the program may be suspended at any time.

A copy of the press release in which the Company announced the share repurchase program is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

In addition to historical information, this Current Report on Form 8-K contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act. These statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause the Company’s actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including statements regarding the Company’s future financial position, results and activities, are forward-looking statements. All information set forth herein is current as of the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K. The Company undertakes no duty to update any statement in light of new information or future events. For further information regarding risks and uncertainties associated with the Company’s business, please refer to the “Risk Factors” section of the Company’s SEC filings, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release dated May 8, 2013.

SIGNATURES

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

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

Date: May 8, 2013

By: /s/ Charles S. Berkman

Name: Charles S. Berkman

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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