

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 8-K

May 26, 2011

**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): **May 26, 2011**

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-29889
(Commission File Number)

94-3248524
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1180 Veterans Boulevard
South San Francisco, CA 94080
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(650) 624 -1100**

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 26, 2011, Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company) entered into an underwriting agreement (the Underwriting Agreement) with Jefferies & Company, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein (collectively, the Underwriters), relating to the public offering, issuance and sale of 16,300,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (Common Stock). The price to the public in this offering is \$8.00 per share, and the Underwriters have agreed to purchase the shares from the Company pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement at a price of \$7.52 per share. The net proceeds to the Company from this offering are expected to be approximately \$122.2 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and other estimated offering expenses payable by the Company, assuming no exercise by the Underwriters of the 30-day over-allotment option, which the Company has granted the Underwriters under the terms of the Underwriting Agreement to purchase up to an additional 2,445,000 shares of Common Stock to cover over-allotments, if any. The offering is expected to close on or about June 1, 2011, subject to customary closing conditions.

The offering is being made pursuant to the Company's effective registration statement on Form S-3 and an accompanying prospectus (Registration Statement No. 333-171159) previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and a preliminary and final prospectus supplement thereunder, and pursuant to that certain Rule 462(b) registration statement (No. 333-174480) previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Underwriting Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this report, and the description of the material terms of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit. A copy of the opinion of Cooley LLP relating to the legality of the issuance and sale of the shares in the offering is attached as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements by the Company, customary conditions to closing, indemnification obligations of the Company and the Underwriters, including for liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, other obligations of the parties and termination provisions. The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Underwriting Agreement were made only for purposes of such agreement and as of specific dates, were solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, and may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties, including being qualified by confidential disclosures exchanged between the parties in connection with the execution of the Underwriting Agreement.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this report that are not strictly historical in nature constitute forward-looking statements. Such statements include, but are not limited to the Company's issuance of securities, the amount of net proceeds from the offering and the closing of the offering. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause actual results to be materially different from any results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. For example, there are risks associated with the Underwriters fulfilling their obligations to purchase the securities and the Company's ability to satisfy its conditions to close the offering. These and other risks and uncertainties are described more fully under the headings Risk Factors in the Company's most recently filed documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as in the preliminary and final prospectus supplement related to the public offering filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. The Company is providing this information as of this date and does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this report as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated as of May 26, 2011, by and among the Company and the Underwriters.
5.1	Opinion of Cooley LLP
23.1	Consent of Cooley LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1)

SIGNATURES

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

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Dated: May 26, 2011

By:

*/s/ Dolly A. Vance
Dolly A. Vance
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary*

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