KNOTT DAVID M

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KNOTT DAVID M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
	LIGAND PHARMACEUTIC INC [LGND]		LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC [LGND]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) 485 UNDER	(First)	(Middle) D, STE 205	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/10/2011	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
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Person

SYOSSET, NY 11791-3419

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	08/10/2011		P	80,600	A	\$ 10.8	667,780	I	By Knott Partners, L.P. (1) (3)
Common Stock	08/10/2011		P	24,500	A	\$ 10.8	201,071	I	By Shoshone Partners, L.P. (1) (3)
Common Stock	08/10/2011		P	7,400	A	\$ 10.8	82,433	I	By Mulsanne Partners, L.P. (1) (3)

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Common Stock	08/10/2011	P	6,900	A	\$ 10.8	41,483	I	By Managed Account D
Common Stock	08/10/2011	P	5,600	A	\$ 10.8	25,700	I	By Managed Account E
Common Stock	08/11/2011	P	12,700	A	\$ 11.45	680,480	I	By Knott Partners, L.P. (1) (3)
Common Stock	08/11/2011	P	3,900	A	\$ 11.45	204,971	I	By Shoshone Partners, L.P. (1) (3)
Common Stock	08/11/2011	P	1,500	A	\$ 11.45	83,933	I	By Mulsanne Partners, L.P. (1) (3)
Common Stock	08/11/2011	P	1,900	A	\$ 11.45	347,734	I	By Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P.
Common Stock						1,666	I	By Managed Account C
Common Stock						50,705	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orNumber	Expiration Date	Amount of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	Underlying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	re	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	S	(Instr. 3 and 4)		Owne
	Security				Acquired				Follo
					(A) or				Repo

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Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title Amount
Date or

or Number

of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
KNOTT DAVID M							
485 UNDERHILL BLVD	X						
STE 205	Λ						
SYOSSET, NY 11791-3419							

Signatures

/s/David M. 08/12/2011 Knott

**Signature of Date
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).
- The Reporting Person is the managing member of Knott Partners Management, LLC, which is (a) the sole general partner of Shoshone (1) Partners, L.P., Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P. and Mulsanne Partners, L.P. and (b) the managing general partner of Knott Partners, L.P. The Reporting Person is also a general partner of Knott Partners, L.P.
- The Reporting Person is the sole director and the president of Dorset Management Corporation, which (a) provides investment

 (2) management services to Knott Partners Offshore (SRI) Fund Limited and (b) separate institutional managed accounts (each, a "Managed Account").
 - As a result of the Reporting Person's interests in Knott Partners Management, LLC and in Dorset Management Corporation, the Reporting Person has investment discretion and control of the securities in this entry. The Reporting Person may be deemed to beneficially own an indirect pecuniary interest in securities in this entry as a result of a performance related fee. Except with respect to Knott Partners, L.P.,
- (3) Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P., Shoshone Partners, L.P., and Mulsanne Partners, L.P., in which the Reporting Person owns a beneficial interest, the Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership therein except to the extent ultimately realized. Each of Knott Partners, L.P., Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P., Shoshone Partners, L.P., Mulsanne Partners, L.P., Knott Partners Offshore (SRI) Fund Limited, and each of the Managed Accounts disclaims beneficial ownership of securities reported as owned by any other party.

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