

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 13, 2007

**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): **December 13, 2007**

**RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**0-29889**  
(Commission File No.)

**94-3248524**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1180 Veterans Boulevard**

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South San Francisco, CA 94080

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.**

On December 13, 2007, Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. announced the results of its Phase 2 clinical study of R788, an oral Syk kinase inhibitor, in patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis. The press release dated December 13, 2007, entitled "Rigel's R788 Demonstrates Significant Improvement in Rheumatoid Arthritis in Phase 2 Clinical Study," is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Neither the filing of the press release as an exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K nor the inclusion in that press release of a reference to Rigel's internet address shall, under any circumstances, be deemed to incorporate the information available at that internet address into this Current Report on Form 8-K. The information available at Rigel's internet address is not part of this Current Report on Form 8-K or any other report filed by Rigel with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
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| 99.1               | Press Release, dated December 13, 2007, entitled "Rigel's R788 Demonstrates Significant Improvement in Rheumatoid Arthritis in Phase 2 Clinical Study." |

**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: December 13, 2007

By: /s/ Dolly A. Vance

Dolly A. Vance  
*Senior Vice President, General Counsel,  
Corporate  
Secretary*

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