

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
FOEHR MATTHEW W

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
President and COO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**11119 NORTH TORREY PINES
 ROAD, SUITE 200**
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
06/22/2015

LA JOLLA, CA 92037

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 06/22/2015 | | M | | 23,046 (1) | A | \$ 9.97 91,174 | D |
| Common Stock | 06/22/2015 | | S | | 4,546 (1) | D | \$ 95.77 86,628 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 06/22/2015 | | S | | 15,145 (1) | D | \$ 96.43 71,483 (3) | D |
| Common Stock | 06/22/2015 | | S | | 3,355 (1) | D | \$ 97.47 68,128 | D |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The sales reported on this Form 4 was made pursuant to a written trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on May 20, 2015, in accordance with Rule 10b5-1.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$95.00 to \$95.99, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request to the Securities Exchange Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

(3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$96.00 to \$96.97, inclusive.

(4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$97.00 to \$97.89, inclusive.

(5) 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 04/18/11.

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