

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 04, 2012

**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 4, 2012**

**LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
  
**of Incorporation or Organization)**

**001-33093**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**77-0160744**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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**11085 North Torrey Pines Road, Suite 100, La Jolla, California, 92037**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

**(858) 550-7500**

**(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02(b). Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On May 4, 2012, Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated ( Ligand or the Company ) entered into a separation agreement with Syed Kazmi, Ph.D., the Company's Vice President, Business Development and Strategic Planning. Pursuant to the separation agreement, Dr. Kazmi will leave the Company on August 31, 2012 (or an earlier date specified by Dr. Kazmi upon prior written notice to the Company) so that he can pursue other opportunities. Dr. Kazmi will enter into a consulting agreement with the Company to assist the Company with various endeavors following his termination of employment.

The foregoing descriptions of the separation agreement and the consulting agreement do not purport to be complete and are qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the separation agreement and the consulting agreement, copies of which the Company intends to file with its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ending June 30, 2012.

**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.

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

Date: May 4, 2012

By: /s/ Charles S. Berkman  
Name: Charles S. Berkman  
Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary