

KNOTT DAVID M  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
KNOTT DAVID M

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
485 UNDERHILL BLVD, STE 205  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/17/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

SYOSSET, NY 11791-3419

(City) (State) (Zip)

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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/17/2009		P		511,800 (6)	A	\$ 2.6	3,369,983	I	By Knott Partners, L.P. (1) (5)
Common Stock	02/17/2009		S		235,500 (6)	D	\$ 4.6	1,521,941	I	By Shoshone Partners, L.P. (1) (5)
Common Stock	02/17/2009		P		240,000 (6)	A	\$ 2.6	267,600	I	By Mulsanne Partners, L.P. (1) (5)

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Common Stock	02/17/2009		S	591,100 (6)	D	\$ 4.6	2,704,228	I	By Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P. (1) (5)
Common Stock							259,184	I	By Ostra Capital Partners, L.P. (2) (5)
Common Stock	02/17/2009		P	59,400 (6)	A	\$ 2.6	185,290	I	By Managed Accounts A (3) (5)
Common Stock	02/17/2009		P	15,400 (6)	A	\$ 2.6	118,931	I	By Managed Accounts B (3) (5)
Common Stock							4,000	I	By Managed Accounts C (3) (5)
Common Stock							69,500	I	By Managed Accounts D (3) (5)
Common Stock (4)							10,000	D	
Common Stock							82,400	I	By Ostra Capital Partners VII, L.P. (2) (5)

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Net Beneficially Owned
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Each entry reports a component of a cross transaction in the common stock described in footnote 1 among the accounts identified in Column 7 of Table I that are coded P or S in Column 3. The cross transactions reported reflect a reallocation of common stock among those accounts, and the accounts that disposed of common stock in the cross transaction did not acquire any common stock in the cross transaction.

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