

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC
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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 *
 NEGRO-VILAR ANDRES

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)
 10275 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/11/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Exe V-P, R & D, CSO

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)	(A) or (D)	5. Amount or Price	6. Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/11/2006		M	18,334	A	\$ 7.625	25,567	D
Common Stock	12/11/2006		S	18,334	D	\$ 10.755	7,233	D
Common Stock	12/11/2006		M	6,089	A	\$ 7.25	13,322	D
Common Stock	12/11/2006		S	6,089	D	\$ 10.755	7,233	D
Common Stock	12/11/2006		M	5,577	A	\$ 7.25	12,810	D

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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 Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.25	12/11/2006		M	6,089	01/05/2006 ⁽¹⁾ 07/05/2015	Common Stock	6,089
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.25	12/11/2006		M	5,577	03/30/2000 ⁽²⁾ 07/05/2015	Common Stock	5,577
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.625	12/11/2006		M	18,334	03/30/2000 ⁽²⁾ 09/30/2009	Common Stock	18,334

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NEGRO-VILAR ANDRES
10275 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Exe V-P, R & D, CSO

Signatures

By: Barbara J. Olson For: Andres
Negro-Vilar

12/13/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
- (1) 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 7/5/05.
- (2) 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 9/30/99.

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