

Patel Sunil  
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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 \*  
Patel Sunil

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)  
11085 NORTH TORREY PINES  
ROAD, SUITE 300  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/23/2012

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

LA JOLLA, CA 92037

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

(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)			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)
Common Stock	05/23/2012	05/23/2012	P		100	A	\$ 11.348	28,305	D	
Common Stock	05/23/2012	05/23/2012	P		100	A	\$ 11.35	28,405	D	
Common Stock	05/23/2012	05/23/2012	P		20	A	\$ 11.348	28,425	D	
Common Stock	05/23/2012	05/23/2012	P		31	A	\$ 11.37	28,456	D	
Common Stock	05/23/2012	05/23/2012	P		1,249	A	\$ 11.386	29,705	D	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Table with 10 columns: 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4), 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5), 10. Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Patel Sunil
11085 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 300
LA JOLLA, CA 92037

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Signatures

By: John P. Sharp For: Sunil Patel 05/24/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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