

Aryeh Jason
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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 *
Aryeh Jason

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/31/2012

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

11085 NORTH TORREY PINES
ROAD, SUITE 300

(Street)

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

LA JOLLA, CA 92037

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount or Price			
Common Stock	05/31/2012		A	(1)	2,925	A	\$ 0 24,726	D
Common Stock	05/31/2012		A	(2)	3,592	A	\$ 0 28,318	D
Common Stock							284,336	I Indirect (3)
Common Stock							5,025	I by Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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- (4) Acquired by a grant of the Board of Directors of the Company at their annual meeting on May 31, 2012, and will fully vest on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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