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LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC
Form 8-K
March 23, 2007

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 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): March 20, 2007

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-20720
(Commission File Number)

10275 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE,
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
(Address of principal executive offices)

(858) 550-7500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

92121-1117
(Zip Code)

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On March 20, 2007, the Board of Directors of Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (the "Company") declared a special one-time cash dividend of \$2.50 per share of common stock, payable on April 19, 2007, to stockholders of record on April 5, 2007. In addition, the Board of Directors authorized share repurchases of up to \$100 million within the next 12 months.

A copy of the press release dated March 21, 2007 announcing the declaration of the dividend and the authorization of the share repurchases is

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filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

| EXHIBIT NO. | DESCRIPTION |
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| 99.1 | Press release of the Company dated March 21, 2007. |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned.

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

Date: March 23, 2007

By: /s/Tod G. Mertes
Name: Tod G. Mertes
Title: Interim CFO