

Patel Sunil  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)

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

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)

LA JOLLA, CA 92037

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) |   |                 | 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 or Price |   |  |   |
| 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  |   |

