

KNOTT DAVID M  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

KNOTT DAVID M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

485 UNDERHILL BLVD, STE 205

(Street)

SYOSSET, NY 11791-3419

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/01/2007

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC [LGND]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

5. 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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 2,419,383   | I  | By Knott Partners, L.P. (1) (4)                       |
| Common Stock                    | 1,326,841   | I  | By Shoshone Partners, L.P. (1) (4)                    |
| Common Stock                    | 18,400  | I  | By Mulsanne Partners, L.P. (1) (4)                    |
| Common Stock                    | 3,929,331   | I  | By Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P. (1) (4)  |
| Common Stock                    | 259,184   | I  | By Ostra Capital Partners, L.P. (2) (4)               |
| Common Stock                    | 32,400  | I  | By Ostra Capital Partners VII, L.P. (2) (4)           |
| Common Stock                    | 547,518   | I  | By Managed Accounts (3) (4)                           |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 5. Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|
|   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date   |  |  |   |
|   |  | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares                                   |  |   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KNOTT DAVID M<br>485 UNDERHILL BLVD<br>STE 205<br>SYOSSET, NY 11791-3419 | Â X           | Â         | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/David M.  
Knott

03/09/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The Reporting Person is the managing member of Knott Partners Management, LLC, which is (i) the sole general partner of Shoshone Partners, L.P., Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P. and Mulsanne Partners, L.P. and (ii) the managing general partner of Knott Partners, L.P. The Reporting Person is also a general partner of Knott Partners, L.P.
- (2) The Reporting Person is the sole shareholder, director and president of Dorset Management Corporation, which provides portfolio management services to Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P., Ostra Capital Partners, L.P. and Ostra Capital Partners VII, L.P.
- (3) The entry represents securities of the issuer held by managed accounts for which Dorset Management Corporation provides investment management services (the "Managed Accounts").
- As a result of the Reporting Person's interests in Knott Partners Management, LLC and in Dorset Management Corporation, the Reporting Person has investment discretion and control of the securities represented in this entry. The Reporting Person may be deemed to beneficially own an indirect pecuniary interest in the securities represented in this entry as a result of its performance-related fee. Except with respect to Knott Partners, L.P. and Shoshone Partners, L.P., in which the Reporting Person owns a beneficial interest, the Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership therein except to the extent ultimately realized. Each of the Knott Partners, L.P., Shoshone Partners, L.P., Mulsanne Partners, L.P., Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P., Ostra Capital Partners, L.P., Ostra Capital Partners VII, L.P. and the Managed Accounts disclaims beneficial ownership of securities reported as owned by any other party.

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