

Aryeh Jason  
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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 \*  
 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)  
 06/01/2011

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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	06/01/2011		A	(1) 2,925	\$ 0 17,354	D	
Common Stock	06/01/2011		A	(2) 4,447	\$ 0 21,801	D	
Common Stock					281,336	I	Indirect (3)
Common Stock					4,025	I	by Trust (3)

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 June 01, 2011, and will fully vest on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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