LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 4

March 20, 2014

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 * **LAMATTINA JOHN L** (Last) (First) (Middle) **11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 200** (Street) **LA JOLLA, CA 92037** (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol **LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC [LGND]** 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) **03/18/2014** 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/18/2014		M		5,000	A	$ 8.97	26,356	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2014		S		5,000	D	$ 78.83	21,356	D	

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
									Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 8.97	03/18/2014	03/18/2014	M			5,000		(1)	02/07/2014	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAMATTINA JOHN L 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 200 LA JOLLA, CA 92037	X			

Signatures

By: Charles S. Berkman For: John L. LaMattina	03/20/2014
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

*   If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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 option becomes exercisable in 36 successive equal monthly installments upon completion of each calendar month of service beginning on the grant date.

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