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March 16, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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 16, 2006

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)

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## Item 2.02 Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On March 16, 2006, the registrant reported its financial results for its fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2005. A copy of the press release issued by the registrant on March 16, 2006 concerning the foregoing results is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements And Exhibits

### (d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release of the Company dated March 16, 2006

## 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 16, 2006

By: /s/ Warner R. Broaddus

Name: Warner Broaddus

Title: Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary