

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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1(b).**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 \*  
Sabba Stephen L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

DORSET MANAGEMENT  
CORP, 485 UNDERHILL BLVD  
SUITE 205

(Street)

SYOSSET, NY 11791

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS  
INC [LGND]3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/23/20164. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)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 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. 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)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	05/23/2016		A	622 A \$ 0	27,244	D	

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

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number.**SEC 1474  
(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (2)	\$ 119.3	05/23/2016		A	2,329	(2) 05/23/2026	Common Stock	2,329
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 89.75					(3) 04/24/2025	Common Stock	2,750

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sabba Stephen L DORSET MANAGEMENT CORP 485 UNDERHILL BLVD SUITE 205 SYOSSET, NY 11791	X			

## Signatures

/s/Stephen L.  
Sabba

05/25/2016

\*\*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).

These securities, as represented in Column 5, include a grant of 622 restricted shares approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the 2016 Meeting, which shares will vest in full on the earlier of (a) the date of the next annual meeting of the Company stockholders following the grant date or (b) on the first anniversary of the grant date.

These securities, as represented in Column 5, were acquired by a grant of 2,329 shares approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the 2016 Meeting. That grant (a) vests in full on the earlier of (i) the date of the next annual meeting of the Company stockholders following the grant date or (ii) on the first anniversary of the grant date, and (b) will vest immediately (i) upon a change in control or a hostile takeover of the Company or (ii) the death or permanent disability of the grantee if still serving at that time.

These securities were previously reported on a Form 4 for this Reporting Person filed on April 28, 2015, and are included on this Form 4 only to report that they are currently fully vested and exercisable.

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