LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC Form 8-K December 04, 2013

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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): December 4, 2013 LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware001-33093(State or other jurisdiction of
Incorporation or organization)(Commission File Number)11119 North Torrey Pines Road, Suite 200, La Jolla, California 92037(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)(858) 550-7500(Sing Code)

77-0160744 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code) N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 4, 2013, Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated issued a press release relating to updated financial guidance for the fourth quarter and full year 2013, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and it shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or under the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated December 4, 2013.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned.

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

Date: December 4, 2013

By: /s/ Charles S. Berkman Name: Charles S. Berkman Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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