

KNOTT DAVID M  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
KNOTT DAVID M

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)  
03/08/2010

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

485 UNDERHILL BLVD, STE 205

(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

SYOSSET, NY 11791-3419

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/09/2010		S		14,000	D	\$ 1.7133	3,431,483	I	By Knott Partners, L.P. (1) (4)
Common Stock	03/08/2010		S		42,810	D	\$ 1.722	1,157,631	I	By Shoshone Partners, L.P. (1) (4)
Common Stock	03/08/2010		S		320,900	D	\$ 1.722	383,300	I	By Mulsanne Partners, L.P. (1) (4)

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Common Stock	03/09/2010	S	12,000	D	\$ 1.7133	1,145,631	I	By Shoshone Partners, L.P. <u>(1)</u> <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock	03/09/2010	S	40,800	D	\$ 1.7133	342,500	I	By Mulsanne Partners, L.P. <u>(1)</u> <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock						2,500,928	I	By Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P. <u>(1)</u> <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock						192,590	I	By Managed Accounts A <u>(2)</u> <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock	03/08/2010	S	51,535	D	\$ 1.722	72,796	I	By Managed Accounts B <u>(2)</u> <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock	03/09/2010	S	8,200	D	\$ 1.7133	64,596	I	By Managed Accounts B <u>(2)</u> <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock						4,000	I	By Managed Accounts C <u>(2)</u> <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock						69,500	I	By Managed Accounts D <u>(2)</u> <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock <u>(3)</u>						10,000	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)



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