

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 29, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 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): April 29, 2011

**LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction

001-33093  
(Commission

77-0160744  
(I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

11085 North Torrey Pines Road, Suite 300, La Jolla, California 92037

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(858) 550-7500

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

As previously announced, on March 31, 2011, Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated ( Ligand ) entered into a Loan and Security Agreement (the Square 1 Loan and Security Agreement ) with Square 1 Bank ( Square 1 ). The Square 1 Loan and Security Agreement established a cash-collateralized revolving line of credit facility under which Square 1 shall loan up to \$5,000,000 to Ligand; Ligand immediately borrowed the full \$5,000,000. All outstanding amounts under the Square 1 Loan and Security Agreement bear interest at a floating rate equal to 200 basis points above the prime rate. Interest is payable on a monthly basis. The maturity date of the revolving line of credit facility is March 29, 2012.

On April 29, 2011, Ligand and Square 1 entered into a First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement (the Square 1 First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement ). The Square 1 First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement increased the Loan and Security Agreement's cash-collateralized revolving line of credit facility from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000; Ligand immediately borrowed the full additionally-authorized \$5,000,000. The Square 1 First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement did not change the interest rate, interest payment schedule and maturity date established in the Square 1 Loan and Security Agreement.

In addition, as previously announced, on January 24, 2011, Ligand and certain of its subsidiaries entered into a Loan and Security Agreement (the Oxford Loan and Security Agreement ) with Oxford Finance Corporation. The Oxford Loan and Security Agreement provided for Oxford Finance Corporation to make a \$20,000,000 term loan to Ligand, and Ligand immediately borrowed the \$20,000,000. Express exceptions within the Oxford Loan and Security Agreement anticipated and permitted the Square 1 Loan and Security Agreement and Ligand's borrowing and cash-collateralization of \$5,000,000 thereunder.

On April 29, 2011, Ligand and Oxford Finance LLC (as successor in interest to Oxford Finance Corporation) entered into a First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement (the Oxford First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement ). Among other things, the Oxford First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement amended the express exceptions within the Oxford Loan and Security Agreement and, as amended, permitted the Square 1 First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement and Ligand's borrowing and cash-collateralization of a total of \$10,000,000 thereunder. The Oxford First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement did not change the (Oxford) loan amount, interest rate, interest payment schedule and maturity date established in the Oxford Loan and Security Agreement.

The foregoing summary of the material terms of the Square 1 First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement and the Oxford First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Square 1 First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement and the Oxford First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement, copies of which are filed as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The information set forth under Item 1.01 above regarding the Square 1 First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement and the related additional borrowing are incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement, by and between Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated and Square 1 Bank, dated April 29, 2011
10.2	First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement, by and between Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated and Oxford Finance LLC, dated April 29, 2011

**SIGNATURES**

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

Date: April 29, 2011

**LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED**

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

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