

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC
Form 8-K
September 07, 2011

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): August 31, 2011

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

001-33093
(Commission
File Number)

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

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

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(858) 550-7500

(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.

On August 31, 2011, Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (Ligand or the Company) entered into a First Amendment to License Agreement (the First Amendment) with Chiva Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Chiva) which amends the License Agreement, effective as of January 6, 2011, between the Company and Chiva (the License Agreement). The First Amendment requires that the \$500,000 licensing fee owed to Ligand be paid by September 1, 2011, instead of December 31, 2011. In addition, the First Amendment increases the royalty rates which Ligand may potentially receive under the License Agreement. Under the terms of the First Amendment, Ligand would be entitled to 6% of aggregate net sales of products licensed to Chiva under the License Agreement and 9% of aggregate net sales for Pradefovir. In addition, the First Amendment removed the provision from the License Agreement which provided that Ligand could potentially earn a 10% equity position in Chiva in the future as a milestone payment.

The foregoing summary of the material terms of the First Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the First Amendment, a copy of which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Ligand on its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending September 30, 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: September 7, 2011

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Charles S. Berkman

Name: Charles S. Berkman

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary