

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)

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

485 UNDERHILL BLVD, STE 205

03/10/2010

(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)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	03/10/2010		S	67,200	D	\$ 1.71	3,364,283	I	By Knott Partners, L.P. (1) (3)
Common Stock	03/11/2010		S	32,900	D	\$ 1.6763	3,331,383	I	By Knott Partners, L.P. (1) (3)
Common Stock	03/10/2010		S	23,801	D	\$ 1.71	1,121,830	I	By Shoshone Partners, L.P. (1) (3)
	03/11/2010		S	9,100	D		1,112,730	I	

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Common Stock					\$				By Shoshone Partners, L.P. <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u>
					1.6763				
Common Stock	03/10/2010	S	5,900	D	\$ 1.71	336,600	I		By Mulsanne Partners, L.P. <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	03/11/2010	S	1,900	D	\$ 1.6763	334,700	I		By Mulsanne Partners, L.P. <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	03/10/2010	S	33,100	D	\$ 1.71	2,467,828	I		By Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P. <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	03/11/2010	S	16,100	D	\$ 1.6763	2,451,728	I		By Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P. <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock						192,590	I		By Managed Accounts A <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock						72,796	I		By Managed Accounts B <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock						64,596	I		By Managed Accounts B <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock						4,000	I		By Managed Accounts C <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock						69,500	I		By Managed Accounts D <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock						15,000	D		

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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)

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.98					(4) 05/29/2010	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KNOTT DAVID M 485 UNDERHILL BLVD STE 205 SYOSSET, NY 11791-3419	X			

## Signatures

/s/ David M. Knott 03/12/2010

\*\*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).

The Reporting Person is the managing member of Knott Partners Management, LLC, which is (i) the sole general partner of Shoshone Partners, L.P., Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P. and Mulsanne Partners, L.P. and (ii) the managing general partner of Knott Partners, L.P. The Reporting Person is also a general partner of Knott Partners, L.P.

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The securities identified in this row are held by a managed account for which Dorset Management Corporation provides portfolio management services. The Reporting Person is the President and sole director of Dorset Management Corporation.

As a result of the Reporting Person's interests in Knott Partners Management, LLC and in Dorset Management Corporation, the Reporting Person has investment discretion and control of the securities represented in this entry. The Reporting Person may be deemed to beneficially own an indirect pecuniary interest in the securities represented in this entry as a result of its performance-related fee. Except

- (3) with respect to Knott Partners, L.P., Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P. and Shoshone Partners, L.P., in which the Reporting Person owns a beneficial interest, the Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership therein except to the extent ultimately realized. Each of Knott Partners, L.P., Shoshone Partners, L.P., Mulsanne Partners, L.P. and Knott Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P. and each of the Managed Accounts disclaims beneficial ownership of securities reported as owned by any other party.
- (4) The option becomes exercisable in twelve successive equal monthly installments upon completion of each calendar month of service beginning 5/29/09.

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