

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 09, 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): February 7, 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)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ..  Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Effective as of February 7, 2011, the Board of Directors of Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (the Company) appointed John LaMattina, Ph.D. to the Company's Board of Directors. The appointment was made based upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Company's Board of Directors.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Dr. LaMattina and any other person pursuant to which he was selected to serve on the Board of Directors. There are no transactions in which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party and in which Dr. LaMattina has a material interest subject to disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On February 9, 2011, the Company issued a press release relating to the appointment of Dr. LaMattina to the Company's Board of Directors. A copy of this press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Note: Information in this Current Report on Form 8-K furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                    |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press release dated February 9, 2011. |

**SIGNATURES**

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

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

Date: February 9, 2011

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

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