ROCCA MICHAEL A

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **ROCCA MICHAEL A**

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS

(Check all applicable)

INC [LGND]

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

10275 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE 01/31/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

below)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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

Conversion or Exercise 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number of 4. **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amor Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4,

and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title

Exercisable Date

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Non-Qualified

Common **Stock Option** \$ 12.4 01/31/2006 A 10,000 01/31/2007 01/31/2016 10 Stock

(right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ROCCA MICHAEL A 10275 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE X SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Signatures

By: Barbara J. Olson For: Michael A. 02/01/2006 Rocca

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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