MEGLASSON MARTIN

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 * **MEGLASSON MARTIN**

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS

(Check all applicable)

INC [LGND] (Middle)

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

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

02/15/2009

below) V-P, Discovery Research

10275 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Am 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Seco Securities Security or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title

Date

A

or N of SI

Non-Qualified

Stock Option \$ 2.69 02/15/2009 A 9,000 01/26/2010(1) 02/15/2019 Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MEGLASSON MARTIN 10275 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

V-P, Discovery Research

and 5)

Signatures

By: John P. Sharp For: Martin D.
Meglasson
01/28/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).
- (1) Grant to reporting person of options are immediately exercisable. The date of grant is 02/15/09.

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