PETTTIT WILLIAM A

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PETTTIT WILLIAM A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC [LGND]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 10275 SCIEN	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2006	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr. V-P, HR and Administration			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Form: Direct Code Beneficially Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 12/15/2006 M 11,411 A 12,300 D Stock 10.68 Common 889 12/15/2006 S 11,411 D D Stock Common 17,096 D 12/15/2006 M 17,985 Stock Common S 17,096 D 889 12/15/2006 D Stock Common 12/15/2006 M 155 1,044 D

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Common Stock	12/15/2006	S	155	D	\$ 11.24	889	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	M	1,200	A	\$ 10.68	2,089	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 11.31	889	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	M	138	A	\$ 10.68	1,027	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	S	138	D	\$ 11.37	889	D

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 Underlying Securitic (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M		11,411	01/06/2002(1)	07/06/2011	Common Stock	11,4
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M		17,096	01/06/2002(1)	07/06/2011	Common Stock	17,0
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M		155	01/06/2002(1)	07/06/2011	Common Stock	15:
	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M		1,200	01/06/2002(1)	07/06/2011		1,20

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Employee Common Stock Stock

Option (right to buy)

Employee

Stock

Option \$ 10.68 12/15/2006 M 138 01/06/2002(1) 07/06/2011 Common Stock

(right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PETTTIT WILLIAM A 10275 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Sr. V-P, HR and Administration

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Signatures

By: Barbara J. Olson For: William A.
Pettit
12/19/2006

**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).
- Grant to reporting person of options, exercisable over a 4-year period measured from the date of grant, 12-1/2% after six months, then 1/48th of the Option Shares per month thereafter. The date of grant is 7/6/01.

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