

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 COOPER ROBIN D G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

RIGEL PHARAMCEUTICALS,  
 INC., 1180 VETERANS BLVD.

(Street)

SOUTH SAN  
 FRANCISCO, CA 94080

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
 [RIGL]

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

01/25/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Sr. V.P. Pharmaceutical Scs.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Amount  |  | 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)**

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| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 7.4   | 01/25/2006                           |  | A                              | 20,000  | 02/01/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/25/2016                     | Common Stock 20,000   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                    |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                            | Other |
| COOPER ROBIN D G<br>RIGEL PHARAMCEUTICALS, INC.,<br>1180 VETERANS BLVD.<br>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 |               |           | Sr. V.P.<br>Pharmaceutical<br>Scs. |       |

## Signatures

James H. Welch  
(Attorney-in-Fact) 01/27/2006

\*\*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).
- (1) The shares vest monthly over one year from 01/01/06.

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