

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 09, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 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 9, 2009**

**LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction of**

**001-33093**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**77-0160744**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Incorporation or Organization)**

**10275 Science Center Drive, San Diego, California, 92121-1117**

**Identification No.)**

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(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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

John L. Higgins, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated ( Ligand ), and a second executive officer of Ligand will be presenting the information attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K at the BIO CEO & Investor Conference in New York City on February 9, 2009.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the presentation slides attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and it shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or under the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

By filing this Current Report on Form 8-K and furnishing this information, Ligand makes no admission as to the materiality of any information in this Current Report on Form 8-K. The information contained in the presentation slides is summary information that is intended to be considered in the context of Ligand's filings with the SEC and other public announcements that Ligand makes, by press release or otherwise, from time to time. Ligand undertakes no duty or obligation to publicly update or revise the information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, although it may do so from time to time as its management believes is appropriate. Any such updating may be made through the filing of other reports or documents with the SEC, through press releases or through other public disclosure.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                     |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Company Slides dated February 9, 2009. |

**SIGNATURES**

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

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

Date: February 9, 2009

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

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