Cabatuan Nelson Form 4 August 16, 2018

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Cabatuan Nelson

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

08/14/2018

Symbol

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC [RIGL]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 1180 VETERANS BLVD.

(Street)

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

SOUTH SAN

(City) (State) (Zip)

FRANCISCO, CA 94080

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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burden hours per

Director 10% Owner

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below) below)

Principal Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

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) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

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

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.76	08/14/2018		A	20,000	<u>(1)</u>	08/14/2028	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cabatuan Nelson RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 1180 VETERANS BLVD. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

Principal Accounting Officer

Signatures

/s/ Dolly Vance (Attorney-in-Fact) 08/15/2018

**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 of common stock subject to the option vest in equal monthly installments over forty-eight (48) months from the vesting commencement date of August 14, 2018.

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