Cabatuan Nelson Form 4 October 16, 2018

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

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

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(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cabatuan Nelson

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC

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3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS,

(Middle)

(Zip)

10/12/2018

Principal Accounting Officer

INC., 1180 VETERANS BLVD.

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X 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

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

D

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (D) Price

Code V Amount 10,000

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common $S^{(1)}$ 10/12/2018 D 58 (2) Stock 3.12

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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | | ate | 7. Title a Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 a | of ng s | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | | Code V | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | or Title Nu of | umber | | |

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) 10/16/2018

**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 sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on September 5, 2018.
- (2) Includes Reporting Person's purchases of 5,000 shares on December 29, 2017 and 5,000 shares on June 26, 2018 under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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