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Form 8-K

October 11, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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): October 11, 2005

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-20720  
(Commission File Number)

10275 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(858) 550-7500  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

77-0160744  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

92121-1117  
(Zip Code)

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On October 11, 2005, the company sent a letter to Third Point LLC. The text of the letter is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

ITEM 9.01 EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT NUMBER DESCRIPTION

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99.1 Letter from the company to Third Point LLC, dated October 11, 2005.

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SIGNATURES

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

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

Date: October 11, 2005

By: /s/ Warner R. Broaddus  
Name: Warner R. Broaddus  
Title: Vice President, General Counsel  
& Secretary