

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 16, 2015

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

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FORM 8 K

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 15, 2015

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LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | 77-0160744<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| 11119 North Torrey Pines Road, Suite 200<br>La Jolla, CA | 92037<br>(Zip Code) |
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(Address of principal executive offices)  
(858) 550-7500  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 15, 2015, the Board of Directors of Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (the “Company”) approved a share repurchase program authorizing, but not obligating, the repurchase of up to \$200 million of the Company’s common stock from time to time over the next three years. The Company expects to acquire shares primarily through open-market transactions and may enter into a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan to facilitate open-market repurchases. The timing and amount of repurchase transactions will be determined by the Company’s management and Board based on its evaluation of market conditions, share price, legal requirements and other factors.

**SIGNATURES**

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

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

Date: September 16, 2015

By: /s/ Charles Berkman

Name: Charles Berkman

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary