

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 04, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 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): March 31, 2011

**LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

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

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

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**11085 North Torrey Pines Road, Suite 300, La Jolla, California 92037**

**(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:

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

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On March 31, 2011, Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated ( Ligand ) entered into a Loan and Security Agreement ( the Loan and Security Agreement ) with Square 1 Bank ( Square 1 ). The Loan and Security Agreement established a cash-collateralized revolving line of credit facility under which Square 1 shall loan up to \$5,000,000 to Ligand; Ligand immediately borrowed the full \$5,000,000. All outstanding amounts under the Agreement bear interest at a floating rate equal to 200 basis points above the prime rate. Interest is payable on a monthly basis. The maturity date of the revolving line of credit facility is March 29, 2012.

The foregoing summary of the material terms of the Loan and Security Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Loan and Security Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The information set forth under Item 1.01 above regarding the Loan and Security Agreement is incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Loan and Security Agreement, by and between Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated and Square 1 Bank, dated March 31, 2011

**SIGNATURES**

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

**LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED**

Date: April 4, 2011

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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