

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC
Form 8-K
January 20, 2005

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): **January 18, 2005**

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-29889
(Commission File No.)

94-3248524
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1180 Veterans Boulevard
South San Francisco, CA 94080

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(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(650) 624-1100**

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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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 18, 2005, Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. entered into a collaborative research and license agreement with Pfizer Inc. for the development of inhaled products for the treatment of allergic asthma and other respiratory diseases such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

A copy of the press release further describing this collaboration is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated January 20, 2005, entitled Rigel and Pfizer Sign Collaborative Research and License Agreement for the Treatment of Allergic Asthma and Other Respiratory Diseases.

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.

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Dated: January 20, 2005

By: */s/ James H. Welch*
James H. Welch
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

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