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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): December 9, 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)

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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Item 2.02 Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On December 9, 2005, the registrant reported its financial results for the quarters ended March 31, June 30 and September 30, 2005. A copy of the press release issued by the registrant on December 9, 2005 concerning the foregoing results is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements And Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release of the Company dated December 9, 2005 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: December 13, 2005 By: /s/ Warner R. Broaddus

Name: Warner Broaddus

Title: Vice President, General Counsel &

Secretary

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