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LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 12, 2002

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): April 12, 2002

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 5. Other Events

Attached hereto is a press release issued by the registrant on April 12, 2002.

Item 7. Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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Press Release of the Company dated April 12, 2002

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 : April 12, 2002

By: /S/WARNER BROADDUS

Name: Warner Broaddus

Title: Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary