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September 29, 2015

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): September 29, 2015

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-33093 77-0160744
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

11119 North Torrey Pines Road, Suite 200, 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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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 29, 2015, Ligand issued a press release entitled "Ligand Expands Captisol License and Supply Agreements with SAGE Therapeutics to Include SAGE-689."

A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein. The contents of the press release are deemed to be filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated September 29, 2015.

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: September 29, 2015 By: /s/ Charles S. Berkman Name: Charles S. Berkman

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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