LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC Form 8-K December 31, 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): December 22, 2015

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.)

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)

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Item 8.01 Other Information.

On December 22, 2015, Ligand entered into a Supply Agreement with Gilead Sciences, Inc. (NASDAQ: GILD) for the supply of Captisol® to Gilead for use in a Captisol-enabled[™] program directed against Ebola virus disease, and in such other programs as the parties may later agree to add to the Supply Agreement. Under the Supply Agreement, Ligand will receive an upfront Drug Master File reference fee, and will also receive commercial revenue from the shipment of Captisol to Gilead.

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: December 31, 2015 By: /s/ Charles S. Berkman Name: Charles S. Berkman Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary