

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 09, 2010

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 9, 2010

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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<b>Delaware</b> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	<b>001-33093</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>77-0160744</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<b>11085 North Torrey Pines Road, Suite 300, La Jolla, California 92037</b> (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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 9, 2010, Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2009. A copy of this press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 Press release of the Company dated February 9, 2010.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned.

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS  
INCORPORATED

Date: February 9, 2010 By: /s/ Charles S. Berkman  
Name: Charles S. Berkman  
Title: Vice President, General  
Counsel and Secretary

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