

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 PAYAN DONALD G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 1180 VETERANS BLVD.

(Street)

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC [RIGL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

04/04/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 EVP, Pres. Discovery&Research

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.59	04/04/2016		A	75,000	(1) 02/27/2024	Common Stock	75,000	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.14	04/04/2016		A	200,000	(2) 01/26/2025	Common Stock	200,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PAYAN DONALD G RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 1180 VETERANS BLVD. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080	X		EVP, Pres. Discovery & Research	

Signatures

/s/Dolly Vance
(Attorney-in-Fact) 04/06/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) On February 27, 2014, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 75,000 shares of common stock. The option vests based on the Compensation Committee's determination that one or more pre-established performance conditions had been achieved. On April 4, 2016, the Compensation Committee determined that the performance conditions had been achieved, resulting in full vesting of the option.

(2) On January 26, 2015, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 200,000 shares of common stock. The option vests based on the Compensation Committee's determination that one or more pre-established performance conditions had been achieved. On April 4, 2016, the Compensation Committee determined that the performance conditions had been achieved, resulting in full vesting of the option.

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