

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>^ Mayer Eldon C. III<br>(Last) (First) (Middle) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>10/10/2016 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC [RIGL] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
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RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ^ 1180 VETERANS BLVD.

(Street)

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, ^ CA ^ 94080

(City) (State) (Zip)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 EVP & Chief Commercial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|                                    |                                                          |                                                                   |                                                          |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

|                                               |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                      |                                                        |                                                         |                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br><br>Date Exercisable      Expiration Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4)<br><br>Title      Amount or Number of | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|

Shares or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                            | Relationships |           |                                        |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                                           | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                                | Other |
| Mayer Eldon C. III<br>RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.<br>1180 VETERANS BLVD.<br>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 | ^             | ^         | ^ EVP & Chief<br>Commercial<br>Officer | ^     |

## Signatures

/s/ Dolly Vance  
(Attorney-in-Fact) 10/11/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

### No securities are beneficially owned

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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