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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

LYONS GARY A

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC

(Check all applicable)

[RIGL]

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 10/05/2005

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 1180 VETERANS BLVD.

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

> (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

(Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) 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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Securities
				or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (Right to	\$ 24.28	10/05/2005	A	20,000	11/05/2005(1)	10/05/2015	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

X

LYONS GARY A
RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
1180 VETERANS BLVD.
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

Signatures

Buy)

/s/Dolly Vance (Attorney-in-Fact) 10/05/2005

**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) The shares vest in equal monthly installments over three (3) years from the date of grant.

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