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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 * **GOWER JAMES M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC

(Check all applicable)

[RIGL]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS,

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

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

01/31/2008

CEO & Board Chairman

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

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

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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Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative			Expiration Date		Underlying Securitie		
Security	or Exercise		any	Code		Securities		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	3)	Acquired (A)	or				
	Derivative					Disposed of (I	D)				
	Security					(Instr. 3, 4, an	ıd				
						5)					
				Code	V	(A) (I	D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.45	01/31/2008		A		165,000		02/01/2008(1)	01/31/2018	Common Stock	165,0

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amount

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GOWER JAMES M RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 1180 VETERANS BLVD. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

X

CEO & Board Chairman

Signatures

1. Title of 2.

/s/ Dolly Vance (Attorney-in-Fact) 02/01/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

- ** 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 monthly over one (1) year from 1/01/08.

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