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FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Lasaga Joseph

(Last) (First) (Middle)

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 1180 VETERANS BLVD.

(Street)

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC [RIGL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/20/2019

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Sr.VP Bus.Dev.Alliance Mgmt.

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

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Person

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

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

(State)

(Zip)

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of iorDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day	Pate	7. Title and Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.49	03/20/2019		A	43,750	<u>(1)</u>	01/24/2028	Common Stock	43,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lasaga Joseph RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 1180 VETERANS BLVD. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

Sr. VP Bus. Dev. Alliance Mgmt.

Signatures

/s/ Dolly Vance (Attorney-in-Fact) 03/22/2019

**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 January 24, 2018, the reporting person was granted a performance based option to purchase 43,750 shares of common stock based on a specific performance metric. On March 20, 2019, it was determined that the performance metric had been met.

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