

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 4

January 06, 2009

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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)

01/02/2009

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  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 01/02/2009                              |                                                             | M                                       | 3,334 A                                                                    | \$<br>1.8 118,334                                                                                                  | D <sup>(1)</sup>                                                     |                                                                   |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 1.8                                                             | 01/02/2009                              |                                                             | M <sup>(2)</sup>                     | 3,334                                                                                                           | <sup>(3)</sup> 02/12/2009                                      | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 3,334                                                               |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/Dolly Vance  
(Attorney-in-Fact) 01/06/2009

\_\_\_\_\_\*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 exercised by the reporting person were issued in reporting person's name but were deposited into his joint tenancy account.
- (2) The option was exercised at this time due to the impending expiration of the option grant.
- (3) Fully vested.

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