

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 8-K

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 4, 2005**

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-29889

(Commission File No.)

94-3248524

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1180 Veterans Boulevard

South San Francisco, CA 94080

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(650) 624-1100**

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On October 5, 2005, Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. announced two changes to its Board of Directors. Effective October 5, 2005, Gary A. Lyons, was appointed to serve on Rigel's Board of Directors as a Class III director until Rigel's 2009 annual stockholders' meeting. At this time, no determination has been made as to which, if any, of Rigel's board committees Mr. Lyons will be appointed. Additionally, Nicholas J. Simon III, announced his resignation from Rigel's Board of Directors effective October 4, 2005.

A copy of the press release further describing these changes is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release, dated October 5, 2005, entitled Rigel Pharmaceuticals Announces Changes to Board of Directors and Appoints Gary A. Lyons. |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Dated: October 5, 2005

By: */s/ James H. Welch*
James H. Welch
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

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