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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * VANCE DOLLY

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)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

(Month/Day/Year)

below) 05/09/2018 EVP Corp. Affairs, G.C., Sect.

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 1180 VETERANS BLVD.

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 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Security (Instr. 3)

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

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration I (Month/Day or			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (I	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.11	05/09/2018		A	150,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/02/2027	Common Stock	150,00	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VANCE DOLLY RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 1180 VETERANS BLVD. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

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Signatures

/s/Dolly Vance 05/11/2018

**Signature of 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).

On February 2, 2017 the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 150,000 shares of common stock. The option vested based on the Compensation Committee's determination that one or more pre-established performance conditions had been achieved. On May 9, 2018, the Compensation Committee determined that the performance conditions had been achieved, resulting in full vesting of the option.

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