

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Mayer Eldon C. III</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 1180 VETERANS BLVD. <hr/> (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC [RIGL]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP & Chief Commercial Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/23/2018</u>	

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/23/2018		P		100,000	A	\$2.8232 ⁽¹⁾	115,000 ⁽²⁾	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- The price reported in Column 4 is the weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions ranging from \$2.78 to \$2.86 Upon request, the reporting person undertakes to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the Securities and Exchange Commission, full information regarding the shares purchased at each such separate price.
- Includes 15,000 shares that were purchased by the Reporting Person under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan, in increments of 5,000 shares, on June 30, 2017, December 29, 2017 and June 29, 2018.

/s/ Dolly Vance (Attorney-in-Fact) 08/27/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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