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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Kotzin Brian L.

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/21/2017

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC [RIGL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner _X_ Director Officer _ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

INC., 1180 VETERANS **BOULEVARD** (Street)

RIGEL PHARMACEUTIALS,

(State)

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Â CAÂ 94080

(City)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5) Form:

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

Date

Exercisable

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

4. 5. Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Title

Date

Amount or Number of

Derivative Price of Derivative Security: Security Direct (D)

Shares

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

10% Director Owner

Officer Other

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Kotzin Brian L.

RIGEL PHARMACEUTIALS, INC. 1180 VETERANS BOULEVARD

Â ÂX Â

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CAÂ 94080

Signatures

/s/ Dolly Vance (Attorney-in-Fact)

08/23/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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