### FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)														
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SIMON NICHOLAS J III				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC [RIGL]						5. R	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director X 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MPM ASSET MANAGEMENT, 111 HUNTINGTON AVE., 31ST FLOOR				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/10/2004								Officer (give	title below)	Other	(specify below)	•
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
BOSTON, MA 02199																
(Cit	y)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui						Acquired,	ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yea			Date, if	Co (In	ode (A		or Disposed of tr. 3, 4 and 5)			ecurities Beneficially ng Reported		Ownership Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	
				(WOIII	onth/Day/Year)			Code V	Am	(A) or (D)	Price	nistr. 5 and 4)		0	r Indirect (	Ownership Instr. 4)
1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed		uts,	5. Num	arra	in that a cur	spose conv	who respond m are not red y valid OMB d of, or Benefi ertible securit	control notices)  7. Title and of Underly	respond u umber. ed	nless the		10.	11. Natur p of Indirec
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security			(Instr. 8)		Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	Form of Derivativ Security: Direct (D or Indirec ) (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.42	06/10/2004		A		8,333		06/10/200	)4(1)	06/10/2014	Commo Stock	n 8,333	\$ 0	8,333	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.17	06/11/2004		A		1,667		07/11/200	)4 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/11/2014	Commo Stock	n 1,667	\$ 0	1,667	D	

#### **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SIMON NICHOLAS J III C/O MPM ASSET MANAGEMENT 111 HUNTINGTON AVE., 31ST FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02199	X	X					

## **Signatures**

Nicholas J. Simon, III	06/14/2004
**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) Fully vested.
- (2) Vests monthly over two years from the date of grant.

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