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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Find of Type Responses)								i			
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] MOOS WALTER H	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC [RIGL]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director10% Owner				
(Last) (First) C/O RIGEL PHARMACEUTICAL VETERANS BLVD.	a m.c. 4400	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/12/2017					Officer (give title below)O	ther (specify belo	ow)		
(Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94		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			
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu						ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Ow	ned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	(Instr. 8)		4. Securi (A) or D (Instr. 3, Amount	isposed c	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership	

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)														
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code	tion)	5. Numbo of Deriva Securitie Acquired or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	ative s l (A) sed	r 6. Date Exercisable and tive Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) (A) ed		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Beneficial
				Code	v	(A)		Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.61	05/12/2017		А		40,000		<u>(1)</u>	05/12/2027	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 0	40,000	D	

Reporting Owners

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MOOS WALTER H C/O RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 1180 VETERANS BLVD. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94025-3493	Х						

Signatures

/s/ Dolly Vance (Attorney-in-Fact)	05/12/2017
**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) The shares vest monthly over twelve (12) months from the date of grant.

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