

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Cabatuan Nelson (Last) (First) (Middle) RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 1180 VETERANS BLVD. (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/18/2017	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC [RIGL]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <input type="checkbox"/> Principal Accounting Officer	
		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	58	D	

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

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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 (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	11/13/2018	Common Stock	1,212	\$ 6.48	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	03/30/2019	Common Stock	3,250	\$ 6.49	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	02/01/2021	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 6.73	D	
Stock Option (right to Buy)	(1)	02/01/2021	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 6.73	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	01/25/2022	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 8.15	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	01/30/2023	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 6.51	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	09/19/2023	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 3.55	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	01/29/2024	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 3.2	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	01/29/2024	Common Stock	6,500	\$ 3.2	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	11/12/2024	Common Stock	10,834	\$ 1.68	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	01/26/2025	Common Stock	15,500	\$ 2.14	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	01/22/2026	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 2.72	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	10/03/2026	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 3.67	D	

Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6)	01/24/2027	Common Stock	44,888	\$ 2.1	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6)	01/24/2027	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 2.1	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	01/24/2027	Common Stock	112	\$ 2.1	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cabatuan Nelson RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 1180 VETERANS BLVD. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080			Principal Accounting Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Nelson Cabatuan		12/22/2017
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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) This option is fully vested.
- (2) This option vests monthly over four (4) years from January 1, 2014.
- (3) This option vests monthly over four (4) years from October 1, 2014.
- (4) This option vests monthly over two (2) years from January 1, 2016.
- (5) This option vests monthly over four (4) years from October 3, 2016.
- (6) This option vests monthly over four (4) years from January 1, 2017.

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