

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><b>SIMON NICHOLAS J III</b>                      |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC [RIGL]</b> |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>C/O MPM ASSET MANAGEMENT, 111 HUNTINGTON AVENUE, 31ST FLOOR</b> |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>05/26/2004</b>                  |  |   |  |
| (Street)<br><b>BOSTON, MA 02199</b>   |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                   |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person    |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |  |  |  |   |  |

### 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                    | 05/26/2004                           |  | S                              |   | 5,861<br><a href="#">(1)</a>                                      | D          | \$ 17.8    | 3,527,097   | I  | See Footnote <a href="#">(2)</a>                      |
| Common Stock                    | 05/27/2004                           |  | S                              |   | 20,154<br><a href="#">(3)</a>                                     | D          | \$ 17.8462 | 3,506,943   | I  | See Footnote <a href="#">(4)</a>                      |

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) | 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 Underlying Securities (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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V |   | (A)  | (D) |   |  |  |  |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SIMON NICHOLAS J III<br>C/O MPM ASSET MANAGEMENT<br>111 HUNTINGTON AVENUE, 31ST FLOOR<br>BOSTON, MA 02199 | X             | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

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| /s/ Nicholas J. Simon, III | 05/27/2004 |
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## 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).

- The shares were sold as follows: 328 by MPM BioVentures III, L.P. ("BVIII"); 4,879 by MPM BioVentures III-QP, L.P. ("BVIII QP"); 412 by MPM BioVentures III GmbH & Co. Beteiligungs KG ("BVIII KG"); 147 by MPM Bioventures III Parallel Fund, L.P. ("BVIII PF"); and 95 by MPM Asset Management Investors 2003 BVIII LLC ("BVAM LLC"). MPM BioVentures III GP, L.P. ("BVIII GP") and MPM BioVentures III LLC ("BVIII LLC") are the direct and indirect partners of BVIII, BVIII QP, BVIII PF and BVIII KG.
- (1) The shares are held as follows: 197,412 by BVIII; 2,936,036 by BVIII QP; 248,132 by BVIII KG; 88,672 by BVIII PF; and 56,845 by BVAM LLC. The Reporting Person is a member of BVIII LLC and BVAM LLC. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) The shares were sold as follows: 1,128 by BVIII; 16,777 by BVIII QP; 1,418 by BVIII KG; 507 by BVIII PF; and 324 by BVAM LLC.
- (3) The shares are held as follows: 196,284 by BVIII; 2,919,259 by BVIII QP; 246,714 by BVIII KG; 88,165 by BVIII PF; and 56,521 by BVAM LLC. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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