

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gower, James M. (Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">240 East Grand Avenue (Street)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">South San Francisco, CA 94080 (City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. RIGL</p>	<p>4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9/25, 9/26 2002</p>	<p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board</p> <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
<p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)</p>		<p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">/</p>	

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	9/25/02		P		9,000	A	1.54		D	
Common Stock	9/25/02		P		2,500	A	1.55		D	
Common Stock	9/26/02		P		10,000	A	1.65		D	
Common Stock	9/26/02		P		6,000	A	1.60		D	
Common Stock	9/26/02		P		43,500	A	1.59		D	
Common Stock	9/26/02		P		5,000	A	1.54	588,142 (1)	D	

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 Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1) The number of shares beneficially owned includes 5,000 shares purchased on June 30, 2002 through the Company's 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

/s/ James M. Gower
** Signature of Reporting Person

9/27/02
Date

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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