## FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FRAZIER ALAN D |               |  |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC [RIGL] |   |         |               |  |   |                                 |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner   |                              |   |  |   |  |
|--|---------------|--|---|--|---|---------|---------------|--|---|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                                  |               |  |   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/28/2003 |         |               |  |   |                                 |  | Officer (give   | e title below)               | Oth   | er (specify belo   | w)  |  |
| (Street)   |               |  |   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                         |   |         |               |  |   |                                 | _X_ F  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person |                              |   |  |   |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                                     |               |  |   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired,                                |   |         |               |  |   |                                 |  | Disposed  | of, or Bene                  | ficially Own  | ed   |   |  |
| 1.Title of S (Instr. 3)                                  | ecurity       |  | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                  | 2A. Dee<br>Executi<br>any<br>(Month  | on E  | Date, i | f Coo<br>(Ins | Fransaction de str. 8)                                   | 4. Securities A (A) or Dispose (Instr. 3, 4 and  Amount (A) (D)                 | or (D)                          | Owne<br>Trans<br>(Instr  |   | ecurities Be<br>ing Reported | d (   | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)                                     | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
| Reminder:  | Report on a s | separate line for each                     |   | Derivati   | ive S   | Securi  | ities A       | Perso<br>in this<br>displa                               | ly.  ons who respons form are no ays a currently posed of, or Beconvertible sec | t requir<br>y valid<br>meficial | ed to i  | respond<br>control n  | unless the                   |   | ed SEC   | 1474 (9-02)   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)      | Conversion    | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8)                                      |   | 5.      |               | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |   | 7. Ti<br>of U<br>Secu           | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   |                              | 9. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownersh<br>Form of<br>Derivati<br>Security<br>Direct (I<br>or Indire | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)   |  |
|  |               |  |   | Code   | V   | (A)     |               | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration Dat  | te Title                        | :  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares  |                              |   |  |   |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                     | \$ 27         | 07/28/2003                                 |   | D  |   |         | 556           | (1)  | 06/20/2012  | ,                               | nmon<br>tock   | 556   | \$ 0                         | 0   | D  |   |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                     | \$ 9.2        | 07/28/2003                                 |   | A  |   | 556     |               | (2)  | 07/28/2006  | <u> </u>                        | nmon   | 556   | \$ 0                         | 556   | D  |   |  |

### **Reporting Owners**

| D (1 0 N /                     | Relationships |              |         |       |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |
| FRAZIER ALAN D                 |               |              |         |       |  |  |
|                                | X             |              |         |       |  |  |
|                                |               |              |         |       |  |  |

### **Signatures**

| /s/ James H. Welch, Attorney-in-fact for Reporting Person | 07/28/2003 |  |
|---|------------|--|
| **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) Vests monthly over 2 years after grant date of June 20, 2002.
- (2) Vests 20% at 6-month anniversary from July 28, 2003 grant date, 20% at 1 year anniversary of July 28, 2003 grant date and remaining 60% vests monthly
- (3) Life is 3 years + 5 business days.

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#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby appoints each of Dolly Vance and James Welch, signing individually, the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in fact and agents to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, an officer, director or holder of 10% of more of a registered class of securities of Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute such Form 3, 4 or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such forms or amendments with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any nature whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the earliest to occur of (a) the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, (b) revocation by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact or (c) as to

any attorney-in-fact individually, until such attorney-in-fact shall no longer be employed by the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has cause this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2003.

/s/ Alan Frazier

ALAN FRAZIER