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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Kotzin Brian L. | | | | 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 | | | | | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 1180 VETERANS BOULEVARD | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/20/2022 | | | | | | | | | e title below) | | ner (specify be | ow) |
| (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (Cit | | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu | | | | s Acqui | uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Executi | | | | | bosed of (D) and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Benefici Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | | | 6. Ownership Form: | Beneficial | | |
| | | | | (Month | /Day/Year) | Cod | le V | Amount | (A) or | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common | Common Stock 05/20/2022 | | 05/20/2022 | | | A | | 25,000 | A | \$ 0 | 50,00 | 00 | | | D | |
| Reminder: | Report on a s | separate line for each | n class of securities b | peneficia | lly owned o | lirectly | Perso in this | ns who re | not re | equire | d to re | espond | unless the | tion contai e form | ned SEC | 1474 (9-02) |
| Reminder: | Report on a s | separate line for each | Table II - | Derivati | ive Securit | ies Acq | Perso in this displa uired, Disp | ns who re form are ys a curre | not reently v | equired valid O ficially | d to re | espond ontrol n | unless the | | ned SEC | 1474 (9-02) |
| 1. Title of | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction | Table II - 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | Derivati (e.g., pu 4. Transac Code | ive Securit ts, calls, wa 5. Nun of Der Securi) Acqui | ies Acq arrants, mber rivative ities red (A) posed 3, 4, | Perso in this displa uired, Disp options, c 6. Date Ex Expiration (Month/D | ns who reform are form are ys a curre cosed of, or convertible decreased and Date | not reently v | equired valid O ficially ties) | Owne e and A derlying | espond control n ed Amount | unless the umber. | | of 10. Owner. Form of Deriva Securit Direct or India | 11. Nation of Indirection of Indirec |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 3. Transaction Date | Table II - 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | Derivati (e.g., pu 4. Transac Code | ive Securit ts, calls, wa 5. Nur tion of Der Securi) Acqui or Dis of (D) (Instr. | ies Acq arrants, mber rivative tites red (A) posed 3, 4, | Perso in this displa uired, Disp options, c 6. Date Ex Expiration (Month/D | ns who reform are ys a curre posed of, or onvertible tercisable at Date any/Year) | not reently v r Benef | equired valid O ficially ties) 7. Title of Und Securit | Owne e and A derlying ties 3 and 4 | espond control n ed Amount | 8. Price of Derivative Security | 9. Number Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | of 10. Owner. Form of Deriva Securit Direct or India | 11. Natur of Indire Benefic Owners (Instr. 4 |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Kotzin Brian L. RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 1180 VETERANS BOULEVARD SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Dolly Vance (Attorney-in-Fact) | 05/23/2022 |
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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 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 of Common Stock are to be acquired upon the vesting of a Restricted Stock Unit award granted to the Reporting Person. The Restricted Stock Units shall fully vest on the date prior to the Company's next Annual Meeting, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service on the Company's Board of Directors.
- (2) The shares vest monthly over one (1) year from the date of grant subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service on the Company's Board of Directors.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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