

Nelson David W
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Nelson David W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION [NANX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/02/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP Sales & Marketing

ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	2,000	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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 6.13					04/09/2008 ⁽¹⁾ 04/09/2017	Common Stock	35,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 4.48					11/06/2008 ⁽²⁾ 11/06/2017	Common Stock	15,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 3.14					05/12/2009 ⁽²⁾ 05/12/2018	Common Stock	20,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 1.02					05/04/2010 ⁽²⁾ 05/04/2019	Common Stock	30,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 1.7					05/03/2011 ⁽²⁾ 05/03/2020	Common Stock	27,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 1.26	05/02/2011		A	48,000	05/02/2012 ⁽²⁾ 05/02/2021	Common Stock	48,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nelson David W 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446			VP Sales & Marketing	

Signatures

By Jess Jankowski, under UPA, for David W.
Nelson

05/04/2011

__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) Subject to certain restrictions, beginning on this date, options vest in five equal annual installments.
- (2) Subject to certain restrictions, beginning on this date, options vest in three equal annual installments.

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