

NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION
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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 *
 BROTZMAN RICHARD 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)
 05/12/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP - Research & Development

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

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

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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) Price	2,558	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	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 3.8125					07/31/1999 ⁽¹⁾	07/31/2008	Common Stock	27,18
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 7.6875					05/24/2001 ⁽²⁾	05/24/2010	Common Stock	22,50
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 10.875					01/26/2002 ⁽²⁾	01/26/2011	Common Stock	20,00
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 7.0625					02/28/2002 ⁽²⁾	02/28/2011	Common Stock	20,00
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 6.65					01/03/2003 ⁽²⁾	01/03/2012	Common Stock	20,00
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 3.66					03/24/2004 ⁽²⁾	03/24/2013	Common Stock	20,00
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 5.55					10/11/2005 ⁽²⁾	10/11/2014	Common Stock	11,00
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 6.03					09/27/2006 ⁽²⁾	09/27/2015	Common Stock	10,00
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 6.01					09/27/2007 ⁽²⁾	09/27/2016	Common Stock	15,00

Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 4.48				11/06/2008 ⁽²⁾	11/06/2017	Common Stock	15,00
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 3.14	05/12/2008	A	23,000	05/12/2009 ⁽²⁾	05/12/2018	Common Stock	23,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BROTZMAN RICHARD W 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446			VP - Research & Development	

Signatures

By Jess Jankowski, under UPA for Richard W.
Brotzman, Jr. 05/14/2008

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

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