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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549							OMB OMB Number:	3235-028			
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(Print or Type F	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u></u> WHITMORE R JANET			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (N	liddle)		RATION Earliest Tra	-]		X Director	10%	Owner	
			(Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2012					Officer (give below)	title Oth below)	er (specify	
POMEOVI	(Street)			ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	-			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M	One Reporting Pe	erson	
		(Zip)						Person			
(City)							-	uired, Disposed of		•	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	curity (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)				
Common Stock				Code V	Amount	(D)	Flice	32,675	I	By Daughter	
Common Stock	12/17/2012			Р	20,500	A	\$ 0.31	441,709	D		
Common Stock	12/18/2012			Р	3,780	А	\$ 0.31	445,489	D		
Common Stock	12/18/2012			Р	14,215	А	\$ 0.34	459,704	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)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date (Month/Day/Year e	I		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.55					11/24/2004(1)	11/24/2013(1)	Common Stock	10,0	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.36 <u>(1)</u>					01/31/2014	01/31/2021	Common Stock	10,0	
Deferred Common Stock	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(3)</u>	(3)(4)	Common Stock	2,0	
Stock Appreciation Right (5)	\$ 0.99					(5)	(5)	Common Stock	2,0	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.3 <u>(1)</u>					08/07/2015	08/07/2022	Common Stock	10,0	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WHITMORE R JANET 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446	Х						
Signatures							
By Frank Cesario under UPA f Whitmore	et	12/19/2012					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting F		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 rights and restrictions, beginning on this date, options vest in three equal annual installments.
- (2) Each share of deferred common stock represents a right to receive one share of common stock.
- (3) The deferred common stock becomes payable upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director of the Company.
- (4) Pursuant to such plan, the reporting person elected to defer receipt of such shares and receive a cumulative total of 20,030 shares of deferred common stock which will all be accounted for under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan.

The stock appreciation right becomes payable upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director of the Company. 2,000 were issued 4/8/2009 at a conversion price of \$0.90, 2,000 were issued 7/1/2009 at a conversion price of \$1.05, 2,000 were issued 10/1/2009 at

(5) Instact worzon price of \$1.18, 2,000 were issued 1/4/2010 at a conversion price of \$0.84, 2,000 were issued 4/1/2010 at a conversion price of \$1.85, 2,000 were issued 4/1/2010 at a conversion price of \$1.85, 2,000 were issued 7/1/2010 at a conversion price of \$1.90, 2000 were issued 1/2010 at a conversion price of \$1.90, 2000 were issued 1/2010 at a conversion price of \$0.84, 2,000 were issued 1/2010 at a conversion price of \$0.90, 2000 were issued 1/2010 at a conversion price of \$0.84, 2,000 were issued 1/2010 at a conversion price of \$1.90, 2000 were issued 1/2010

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