

NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES Corp
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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 *
 WHITMORE R JANET

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES Corp [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)
 02/21/2017

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/21/2017		G	102,909 A <u>1</u>	135,584	I	By Daughter
Common Stock	02/21/2017		G	102,909 A <u>1</u>	102,909	I	By Son
Common Stock					1,105,965	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. 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.36 ⁽²⁾					01/31/2012	01/31/2021	Common Stock	10,000
Deferred Common Stock	⁽³⁾					⁽⁴⁾	⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.3 ⁽²⁾					08/07/2013	08/07/2022	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.415 ⁽²⁾					02/14/2014	02/14/2023	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.52 ⁽⁶⁾					02/13/2015	02/13/2024	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.44 ⁽²⁾					02/18/2016	02/18/2025	Common Stock	9,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.42 ⁽²⁾					02/23/2017	02/23/2026	Common Stock	8,100
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.9 ⁽⁷⁾					11/17/2016	11/17/2026	Common Stock	2,000

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) Represents inheritance from the estate of a non-reporting person
- (2) Subject to certain rights and restrictions, beginning on this date, options vest in three equal annual installments.
- (3) Each share of deferred common stock represents a right to receive one share of common stock.
- (4) The deferred common stock becomes payable upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director of the Company.
- (5) 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.
- (6) Beginning on this date, subject to certain restrictions, the stock option vests in three equal annual installments.

The stock appreciation rights payable upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director of the Company were terminated, with stock options issued at identical exercise prices to the conversion prices of the respective stock appreciation rights. 2,000 were issued with an exercise price of \$0.90, 2,000 were issued with an exercise price of \$1.05, 2,000 were issued with an exercise price of \$1.18, 2,000 were issued with an exercise price of \$0.84, 2,000 were issued with an exercise price of \$1.85, 2,000 were issued with an exercise price of \$1.10, and 2,000 were issued with an exercise price of \$0.99.

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