WHITMORE R JANET

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WHITMORE R JANET Issuer Symbol NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES (Check all applicable) **CORPORATION [NANX]** (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title __ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE 12/13/2012 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secur | ities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------|--|---|---|----------------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) our Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 32,675 | I | By Daughter |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2012 | | P | 16,958 | A | \$ 0.31 | 386,209 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2012 | | P | 20,000 | A | \$ 0.3086 | 406,209 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2012 | | P | 15,000 | A | \$ 0.31 | 421,209 | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | - | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securiti |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amor or Numb 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> | | | | | (3) | (3)(4) | Common Stock | 2,0 |
| Stock Appreciation Right (5) | \$ 0.99 | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Common Stock | 2,0 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 0.3 (1) | | | | | 08/07/2015 | 08/07/2022 | Common Stock | 10,0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| 1 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| WHITMORE R JANET 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

| By Frank Cesario under UPA for R. Janet | 12/17/2012 |
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| Whitmore | 12/1//2012 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

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- * 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.
- 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 a conversion 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 7/1/2010 at a conversion price of \$0.99.

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