

Nelson David W  
Form 4  
May 04, 2011

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
VP Sales & Marketing

ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           | 2,000                                                                                                              | D                                                                    |                                                                   |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                            | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date Exercisable                                                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 6.13                                                               |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                              |                                                                |     | 04/09/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>                                        | 04/09/2017         | Common<br>Stock | 35,000                              |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 4.48                                                               |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                              |                                                                |     | 11/06/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>                                        | 11/06/2017         | Common<br>Stock | 15,000                              |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 3.14                                                               |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                              |                                                                |     | 05/12/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>                                        | 05/12/2018         | Common<br>Stock | 20,000                              |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 1.02                                                               |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                              |                                                                |     | 05/04/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>                                        | 05/04/2019         | Common<br>Stock | 30,000                              |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 1.7                                                                |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                              |                                                                |     | 05/03/2011 <sup>(2)</sup>                                        | 05/03/2020         | Common<br>Stock | 27,000                              |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 1.26                                                               | 05/02/2011                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                              | 48,000                                                         |     | 05/02/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>                                        | 05/02/2021         | Common<br>Stock | 48,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|                                                                 | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Nelson David W<br>1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE<br>ROMEONVILLE, IL 60446 |               |           | VP Sales &<br>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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