

Murray Patrick G
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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 *
 Murray Patrick G

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)
 02/14/2013

____ 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) | 1,503 | 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) | \$ 5.55 | | | | | 10/11/2005 ⁽¹⁾ | 10/11/2014 | Common Stock | 3,000 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 6.03 | | | | | 09/27/2006 ⁽¹⁾ | 09/27/2015 | Common Stock | 3,000 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 6.01 | | | | | 09/27/2007 ⁽¹⁾ | 09/27/2016 | Common Stock | 9,000 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 4.48 | | | | | 11/06/2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 11/06/2017 | Common Stock | 9,000 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 3.14 | | | | | 05/12/2009 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/12/2018 | Common Stock | 16,000 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 1.02 | | | | | 05/04/2010 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/04/2019 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 1.7 | | | | | 05/03/2011 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/03/2020 | Common Stock | 27,000 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 1.26 | | | | | 05/02/2012 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/02/2021 | Common Stock | 43,000 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 0.3 | | | | | 08/07/2013 ⁽¹⁾ | 08/07/2022 | Common Stock | 52,000 |

Common
Stock
(right to
buy)

\$ 0.415

02/14/2013

A

48,000

02/14/2014⁽¹⁾

02/14/2023

Common
Stock

48,000

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Murray Patrick G 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446 | | | VP Research & Development | |

Signatures

By Jess Jankowski, under UPA, for Patrick G.
Murray

02/19/2013

__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 three equal annual installments.

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