

NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION
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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 *
 CESARIO FRANK

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)
 02/25/2015

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2015 | | M | | 27,333 | A | \$ 0.3 |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2015 | | M | | 26,000 | A | \$ 0.415 |
| | | | | | | | 57,783 |
| | | | | | | | 83,783 |

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 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 1.07 | | | | | 06/24/2010 ⁽¹⁾ 06/24/2019 | Common Stock 20,000 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 1.7 | | | | | 05/03/2011 ⁽¹⁾ 05/03/2020 | Common Stock 20,000 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 1.26 | | | | | 05/02/2012 ⁽¹⁾ 05/02/2021 | Common Stock 31,000 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 0.3 | 02/25/2015 | | M | 27,333 | 08/07/2013 ⁽¹⁾ 08/07/2022 | Common Stock 27,333 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 0.415 | 02/25/2015 | | M | 26,000 | 02/14/2014 ⁽¹⁾ 02/14/2023 | Common Stock 26,000 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 0.52 | | | | | 02/13/2015 ⁽¹⁾ 02/13/2024 | Common Stock 40,000 |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | \$ 0.44 | | | | | 02/18/2016 ⁽¹⁾ 02/18/2025 | Common Stock 36,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CESARIO FRANK
1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE
ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Frank
Cesario

02/26/2015

**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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