WHITMORE R JANET

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 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 Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE 12/21/2012 (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 ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446 (City) (State) (Zip)

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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)	Fransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock							32,675	I	By Daughter	
Common Stock	12/21/2012		P	200	A	\$ 0.36	518,004	D		
Common Stock	12/24/2012		P	13,494	A	\$ 0.36	531,498	D		
Common Stock	12/24/2012		P	540	A	\$ 0.38	532,038	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 Numl 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>					<u>(3)</u>	(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					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
WHITMORE R JANET 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446	X					

Signatures

By Frank Cesario under UPA for R. Janet Whitmore	12/25/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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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 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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