

NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION  
Form SC 13G/A  
June 07, 2002

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G/A

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
(Amendment No. 4)  
Nanophase Technologies Corporation

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(Name of Issuer)  
Common Stock, \$.01 par value

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(Title of Class Securities)  
630079101

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(CUSIP Number)  
David J. Allen, Esquire, 290 South County Farm Rd., Third  
Floor, Wheaton, IL 60187-4526 (630) 588-7200

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to  
Receive Notice and Communications)  
May 29, 2002

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to  
which this Schedule is filed:

/ / Rule 13d-1(b)  
/X/ Rule 13d-1(c)  
/ / Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a  
reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect  
to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent  
amendment containing information which would alter  
disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover  
page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose  
of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that  
section of the Act but shall be subject to all other  
provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Grace Brothers, Ltd.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See  
Instructions)  
(a) /X/  
(b) / /

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Illinois Limited Partnership

|                     |   |                          |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------|
|                     | 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES |   |                          |
| BENEFICIALLY        | 6 | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
| OWNED BY            |   | 1,948,593 SHARES         |
| EACH                |   |                          |
| REPORTING           | 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
| PERSON              |   |                          |
| WITH                | 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|                     |   | 1,948,593 SHARES         |

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING  
PERSON  
1,948,593 SHARES

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES / /

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
12.9%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
PN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Grace Investments, Ltd.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See  
Instructions)  
(a) /X/  
(b) / /

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Illinois Limited Partnership

|                     |   |                          |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------|
|                     | 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER        |
| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES |   |                          |
| BENEFICIALLY        | 6 | SHARED VOTING POWER      |
| OWNED BY            |   | 1,069,750 SHARES         |
| EACH                |   |                          |
| REPORTING           | 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
| PERSON              |   |                          |
| WITH                | 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|                     |   | 1,069,750 SHARES         |

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING  
PERSON  
1,069,750 SHARES

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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES / /

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
7.1%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
PN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Bradford T. Whitmore

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)  
(a) /X/  
(b) / /

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
United States

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
|   | 5 SOLE VOTING POWER        |
| NUMBER OF SHARES                            | 219,200 SHARES             |
| BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON | 6 SHARED VOTING POWER      |
|   | 3,018,343 SHARES           |
| WITH  | 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
|   | 219,200 SHARES             |
|   | 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|   | 3,018,343 SHARES           |

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
3,237,543 SHARES

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES / /

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
21.4%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
IN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
Spurgeon Corporation

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

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(a) /X/  
(b) / /

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Illinois Corporation

5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY 3,018,343 SHARES  
EACH  
REPORTING 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
PERSON  
WITH 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
3,018,343 SHARES

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING  
PERSON  
3,018,343 SHARES

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES / /

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
19.98%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
CO

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Item 1.

(a) Name of Issuer  
Nanophase Technologies Corporation

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices  
453 Commerce St., Burr Ridge, IL 60521

Item 2.

(a) Name of Person Filing  
The statement is filed by Grace Brothers, Ltd., an Illinois limited partnership ("Grace") and Grace Investments, Ltd., an Illinois limited partnership ("Grace Investments"). Bradford T. Whitmore ("Whitmore") and Spurgeon Corporation ("Spurgeon") are the general partners of Grace and Grace Investments.

(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence  
The business address of Grace, Grace Investments and Whitmore is 1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 900, Evanston, Illinois 60201. The business of Spurgeon is 290 South County Farm Road, Third Floor, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.

(c) Citizenship  
United States

(d) Title of Class of Securities  
Common Stock, \$.01 par value

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(e) CUSIP Number  
630079101

Item 3. Not Applicable

Item 4. Ownership

(a) Amount beneficially owned  
3,237,543

(b) Percent of class  
21.4%

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote  
Whitmore: 219,200 shares

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote  
Grace: 1,948,593 shares (with Whitmore and Spurgeon)

Grace Investments: 1,069,750 shares (with Whitmore and Spurgeon)

Whitmore: 3,018,343 shares (with Grace, Grace Investments and Spurgeon)

Spurgeon: 3,018,343 shares (with Grace, Grace Investments and Whitmore)

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(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of  
Whitmore: 219,200 shares

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of  
Grace: 1,948,593 shares (with Whitmore and Spurgeon)

Grace Investments: 1,069,750 shares (with Whitmore and Spurgeon)

Whitmore: 3,018,343 shares (with Grace, Grace Investments and Spurgeon)

Spurgeon: 3,018,343 shares (with Grace, Grace Investments and Whitmore)

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class  
Not applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

No other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

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Reporting person is not a parent holding company.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Reporting person is not a member of a group.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Reporting person is not filing notice of dissolution of a group.

Item 10. Certification

By signing below the undersigned certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and Belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: June 6, 2002

Grace Brothers, Ltd.

By: /s/ Bradford T. Whitmore  
Name: Bradford T. Whitmore  
Its: General Partner

Grace Investments, Ltd.

By: /s/ Bradford T. Whitmore  
Name: Bradford T. Whitmore  
Its: General Partner

Bradford T. Whitmore

By: /s/ Bradford T. Whitmore  
Name: Bradford T. Whitmore

Spurgeon Corporation

By: /s/ David Allen  
Name: David Allen  
Its: Vice President