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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(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 BRADFORD T Issuer Symbol NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES (Check all applicable) CORPORATION [NANX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 1560 SHERMAN AVE, SUITE 900 02/26/2008 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting EVANSTON, IL 60201 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially Beneficial (D) or any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Amount (D) Common 02/26/2008 P 500 $3,901,570 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ * (1) Stock

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | | ate | 7. Title Amou Under Securi (Instr. | nt of lying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | | Code V | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| WHITMORE BRADFORD T 1560 SHERMAN AVE SUITE 900 EVANSTON, IL 60201 | | X | | | | |
| SPURGEON CORP 290 S COUNTY FARM RD THIRD FL WHEATON, IL 60187 | | X | | | | |
| GRACE BROTHERS LTD 1560 SHERMAN AVE SUITE 900 EVANSTON, IL 60201 | | X | | | | |
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Signatures

| Bradford T. Whitmore | 02/28/2008 | | | |
|--|------------|--|--|--|
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | |
| Jerald A. Trannel, Vice President | 02/28/2008 | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | |
| Bradford T. Whitmore, General Partner | 02/28/2008 | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | |

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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As General Partner of Grace Brothers, Ltd. which owns 3,328,758 shares (after purchases through February 28, 2008) and as General

(1) Partner of Grace Investments, Ltd. which owns 300,000 shares, Bradford T. Whitmore is an indirect beneficial owner. As General Partner of Grace Brothers, Ltd. and as General Partner of Grace Investments, Ltd., Spurgeon Corporation is an indirect beneficial owner.

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(2) Bradford T. Whitmore directly owns 272,812 shares.

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