

NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES Corp

Form 4

November 21, 2016

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WHITMORE R JANET

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES  
Corp [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)  
11/17/2016

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V Amount (D) Price                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            | 32,675                                                                                                             | I                                                                    | By<br>Daughter                                                    |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            | 1,081,165                                                                                                          | 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. 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                                       | (A)                                                      | (D) |                                                   |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 1.36 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          |     | Common Stock                                      |
| Deferred Common Stock                      | <sup>(2)</sup>                                         |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          |     | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Appreciation Right <sup>(5)</sup>    | \$ 1.18                                                | 11/17/2016                           |                                                    | D                              |                                                                                         | 14,000                                                   |     | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 0.3 <sup>(1)</sup>                                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          |     | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 0.415 <sup>(1)</sup>                                |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          |     | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 0.52 <sup>(6)</sup>                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          |     | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 0.44 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          |     | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 0.42 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          |     | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 0.9 <sup>(7)</sup>                                  | 11/17/2016                           |                                                    | A                              | 2,000                                                                                   |                                                          |     | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 1.05 <sup>(7)</sup>                                 | 11/17/2016                           |                                                    | A                              | 2,000                                                                                   |                                                          |     | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 1.18 <sup>(7)</sup>                                 | 11/17/2016                           |                                                    | A                              | 2,000                                                                                   |                                                          |     | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 0.84 <sup>(7)</sup>                                 | 11/17/2016                           |                                                    | A                              | 2,000                                                                                   |                                                          |     | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 1.85 <sup>(7)</sup>                                 | 11/17/2016                           |                                                    | A                              | 2,000                                                                                   |                                                          |     | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 1.1 <sup>(7)</sup>                                  | 11/17/2016                           |                                                    | A                              | 2,000                                                                                   |                                                          |     | Common Stock                                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 0.99 <sup>(7)</sup>                                 | 11/17/2016                           |                                                    | A                              | 2,000                                                                                   |                                                          |     | Common Stock                                      |

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WHITMORE R JANET<br>1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE<br>ROMEONVILLE, IL 60446 | X             |           |         |       |

By Frank Cesario under UPA for R. Janet Whitmore

11/21/2016

**\*\*Signature of Reporting Person**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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- \*\* 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.
- (4) 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 rights that were to become 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
- (5) 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 \$1.10, and 2,000 were issued 10/1/2010 at a conversion price of \$0.99.
- (6) Beginning on this date, subject to certain restrictions, the stock option vests in three equal annual installments.
- The stock appreciation rights payable upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director of the Company were terminated, with stock options issued at identical exercise prices to the conversion prices of the respective stock appreciation rights. 2,000 were issued
- (7) with an exercise price of \$0.90, 2,000 were issued with an exercise price of \$1.05, 2,000 were issued with an exercise price of \$1.18, 2,000 were issued with an exercise price of \$0.84, 2,000 were issued with an exercise price of \$1.85, 2,000 were issued with an exercise price of \$1.10, and 2,000 were issued with an exercise price of \$0.99.

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