

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 *
 Wentz Kevin J

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)
 05/12/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive VP, Sales&Marketing

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	10,000	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)

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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. 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 5.72					01/08/2008 ⁽¹⁾ 01/08/2017	Common Stock	75,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 4.48					11/06/2008 ⁽²⁾ 11/06/2017	Common Stock	16,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 3.14	05/12/2008		A	28,000	05/12/2009 ⁽²⁾ 05/12/2018	Common Stock	28,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wenta Kevin J 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446			Executive VP, Sales&Marketing	

Signatures

/s/ By Jess Jankowski under UPA for Kevin J. Wenta
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 Date 05/14/2008

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 five equal installments.
- (2) Subject to certain restrictions, beginning on this date, options vest in three equal annual installments.

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