

SIEGEL RICHARD W  
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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 \*  
SIEGEL RICHARD W

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/20/2012

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

1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	07/20/2012		X		128,870	A	\$ 0.33
					389,838 <sup>(2)</sup>	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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- (2) The reporting person's shares have been adjusted to reflect a gift of stock on 12/12/2006 which was properly reported on a Form 4 filing but not accounted for in subsequent share holding disclosures.
- (3) Subject to certain rights and restrictions, beginning on this date, options vest in three equal annual installments.
- (4) Each share of deferred common stock represents a right to receive one share of common stock.
- (5) The deferred common stock becomes payable upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director of the Company.
- (6) 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 \$1.10, and 2,000 were issued 10/1/2010 at a conversion price of \$0.99.
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