

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 \*  
**CROSS JOSEPH**

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)  
 President & CEO

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	5,638	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 2.9375					11/09/1999 <sup>(1)</sup>	11/09/2008	Common Stock	100,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 7.6875					05/24/2001 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/24/2010	Common Stock	100,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 10.875					01/26/2002 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/26/2011	Common Stock	50,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 7.0625					02/28/2002 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/28/2011	Common Stock	50,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 6.65					01/03/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/03/2012	Common Stock	55,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 3.66					03/24/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/24/2013	Common Stock	50,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 5.55					10/11/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	10/11/2014	Common Stock	15,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 6.03					09/27/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/27/2015	Common Stock	15,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 6.01					09/27/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/27/2016	Common Stock	20,000

Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 2.1875				01/04/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/04/2009	Common Stock	50,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 4.48				11/06/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	11/06/2017	Common Stock	20,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 3.14	05/12/2008	A	30,000	05/12/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/12/2018	Common Stock	30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROSS JOSEPH 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

By Jess Jankowski, under UPA for Joseph Cross  
 Date: 05/14/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## 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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