

CESARIO FRANK  
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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 \*  
CESARIO FRANK

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)  
07/06/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial Officer

ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 <sup>(1)</sup>	07/06/2012		X	(A) or (D) A	5,954 <sup>(2)</sup> \$ 0.33	23,364 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 1.07					06/24/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 06/24/2019	Common Stock 20
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 1.7					05/03/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/03/2020	Common Stock 20
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 1.26					05/02/2012 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/02/2021	Common Stock 31
Subscription Rights (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0.33	07/06/2012		X	17,410	06/13/2012 07/20/2012	Common Stock 5

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CESARIO FRANK 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Frank  
Cesario 07/09/2012

\*\*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) The shares were purchased upon exercise of subscription rights issued pro rata to holders of the issuer's common stock (the "Common Stock") as of the close of business on June 13, 2012 (the "Record Date"), to purchase 0.342 shares of Common Stock for each one share of Common Stock owned as of the close of business on the Record Date at a subscription price of \$0.33 per full share under the basic subscription privilege of the issuer's rights offering. The reporting person also exercised his over-subscription privilege under the rights offering, seeking up to 6,636 additional shares of Common Stock at the same \$0.33 price. The number of shares of Common Stock purchased by the reporting person pursuant to the exercise of his over-subscription privilege will be subject to availability and the pro rata allocation of shares among persons exercising this over-subscription privilege and will be determined subsequent to the expiration date of

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the rights offering.

- (2) The shares of Common Stock will be issued to the reporting person upon the expiration of the rights offering.
- (3) Subject to certain restrictions, beginning on this date, options vest in three equal annual installments.

The reporting person exercised subscription rights issued pro rata to holders of Common Stock as of the close of business on the Record Date, to purchase 0.342 shares of Common Stock for each one share of Common Stock owned as of the close of business on the Record Date at a subscription price of \$0.33 per full share under the basic subscription privilege of the issuer's rights offering.

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