

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 \*  
 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)  
 09/18/2007

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 232,372  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 09/18/2007                           |  | G <sup>(1)</sup>               | 15,022  | D   | \$ 0 217,350   | 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 5.25  |                                      |  |                                |   | 06/10/1999 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/10/2008                     | Common Stock  | 2,000                         |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 3.8125  |                                      |  |                                |   | 07/31/1999 <sup>(3)</sup> 07/31/2008                     | Common Stock  | 11,600                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 9.92  |                                      |  |                                |   | 06/05/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/05/2011                     | Common Stock  | 2,000                         |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 3.78  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/25/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 11/25/2012                     | Common Stock  | 2,000                         |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 5.07  |                                      |  |                                |   | 06/26/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/26/2013                     | Common Stock  | 2,000                         |
| Deferred Common Stock                      | <sup>(4)</sup>   |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(5)(6)</sup>                         | Common Stock  | 6,752                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address           | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SIEGEL RICHARD W<br>1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE | X             |           |         |       |

ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446

## Signatures

By Jess Jankowski under UPA for Richard W.  
Siegel

09/18/2007

\_\_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).

This gift is being made under specific written stipulation, executed by the grantee and Dr. Siegel (the grantor) on September 17, 2007,

- (1) that the grantee will not sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of the shares granted by Dr. Siegel for a period of ninety days after the gift transfer.
- (2) Subject to certain restrictions, beginning on this date, options vest in three equal annual installments.
- (3) Subject to certain restrictions, beginning on this date, options vest in five equal 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.

Pursuant to such plan, the reporting person elected to defer receipt of such shares and has received a cumulative total of 6,752 shares of

- (6) deferred common stock to date, which will all be accounted for under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan.

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