### **BROTZMAN RICHARD W**

Form 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BROTZMAN RICHARD W** Issuer Symbol NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES (Check all applicable) CORPORATION [NANX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE 09/29/2008 VP - Research & Development (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

### ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ities Ac	quired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or D	isposed	lof	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and 5	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
					(A) or		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	09/29/2008		F	442	D	\$ 1.21	2,116	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities 1
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 3.8125					07/31/1999(1)	07/31/2008	Common Stock	27,180
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 7.6875					05/24/2001(2)	05/24/2010	Common Stock	22,500
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 10.875					01/26/2002(2)	01/26/2011	Common Stock	20,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 7.0625					02/28/2002(2)	02/28/2011	Common Stock	20,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 6.65					01/03/2003(2)	01/03/2012	Common Stock	20,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 3.66					03/24/2004(2)	03/24/2013	Common Stock	20,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 5.55					10/11/2005(2)	10/11/2014	Common Stock	11,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 6.03					09/27/2006(2)	09/27/2015	Common Stock	10,000
	\$ 6.01					09/27/2007(2)	09/27/2016		15,000

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Common Stock (right to buy)			Common Stock
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 4.48	11/06/2008 <u>(2)</u> 11/06/201	7 Common Stock 15,000
Common Stock (right to buy)	\$ 3.14	05/12/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/12/201	8 Common Stock 23,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Ketationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

BROTZMAN RICHARD W 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE ROMEOVILLE, IL 60446

VP - Research & Development

# **Signatures**

By Jess Jankowski, under UPA for Richard W. Brotzman, Jr.

09/30/2008

\*\*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.

## **Remarks:**

This disposition of shares represents shares withheld by Nanophase to cover taxes due upon vesting of 1,500 restricted shares Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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