

SIEGEL RICHARD W  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/10/2009

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

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					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)**

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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 or Number of Share
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.25					06/10/1999 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/10/2008	Common Stock 2,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.8125					07/31/1999 <sup>(2)</sup> 07/31/2008	Common Stock 11,600
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.92					06/05/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/05/2011	Common Stock 2,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.78					11/25/2003 <sup>(1)</sup> 11/25/2012	Common Stock 2,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.07					06/26/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/26/2013	Common Stock 2,000
Deferred Common Stock	<sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	02/10/2009		A	2,000	<sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(5)(6)</sup>	Common Stock 2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SIEGEL RICHARD W 1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446		X		

## Signatures

By Jess Jankowski under UPA for Richard W.  
Siegel

02/12/2009

\_\_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 three equal annual installments.
- (2) Subject to certain restrictions, beginning on this date, options vest in five equal installments.
- (3) Each share of deferred common stock represents a right to receive one share of common stock.

2,000 shares of common stock were to be granted under the Company's 2005 Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Plan. Such shares are vested immediately but subject to certain transfer restrictions. Pursuant to such plan, the reporting person elected to defer receipt of such shares and receive instead 2,000 shares of deferred common stock which, along with the 18,030 similar shares granted previously, will be accounted for under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan.

- (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 receive 2,000 shares of deferred common stock, amounting to a cumulative total of 20,030 shares of deferred common stock received (including those received from previous grants) to date, which will all be accounted for under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan.

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