NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION

Form SC 13D/A April 06, 2004

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

SCHEDULE 13D/A

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (Amendment No. 1)

Nanophase Technologies Corporation (Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, par value \$.01 (Title of Class of Securities)

630079101 (CUSIP Number)

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April 1, 2004 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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Names of Reporting Person
 S.S. OR I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Persons

Grace Brothers, Ltd. 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See instructions) (a) [] (b) [] 3. SEC Use Only 4. Source of Funds (See instructions) 00 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) [] 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization Illinois Limited Partnership 7 Sole Voting Power Number of 8 Shared Voting Power Shares Beneficially 2,685,195 shares Owned by Each Reporting 9 Sole Dispositive Power Person 0 With 10 Shared Dispositive Power 2,685,195 shares 11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 2,685,195 shares 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See instructions) [] 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 15.1% 14. Type of Reporting Person (See instructions) PN, BD 3 Schedule 13D/A CUSIP No. 630079101 Page 3 of 8 Pages 1. Names of Reporting Person S.S. OR I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Persons Grace Investments, Ltd. 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See instructions) (a) [] (b) [] 3. SEC Use Only

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4. Source of Funds (See instructions)
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required
Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization
Illinois Limited Partnership
             7 Sole Voting Power
Number of
               0
            8 Shared Voting Power
Shares
Beneficially 300,000 shares
Owned by
Each
            9 Sole Dispositive Power
Reporting
Person
With
            10 Shared Dispositive Power
               300,000 shares
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting
Person
300,000 shares
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes
Certain Shares (See instructions) [ ]
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
1.7%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See instructions)
PN,
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1. Names of Reporting Person
S.S. OR I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Persons
Bradford T. Whitmore
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See
instructions)
(a) [ ]
(b) [ ]
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See instructions)
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required
Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization
United States
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7 Sole Voting Power

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Number of 272,812 shares
Shares
Beneficially 8 Shared Voting Power
Owned by
              2,985,195 shares
Each
Reporting 9 Sole Dispositive Power
Person
              272,812 shares
With
            10 Shared Dispositive Power
               2,985,195 shares
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting
Person
3,258,007 shares
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes
Certain Shares (See instructions) [ ]
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
18.3%
14. Type of Reporting Person (See instructions)
ΤN
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1. Names of Reporting Person
S.S. OR I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Persons
Spurgeon Corporation
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See
instructions)
(a) [ ]
(b) [ ]
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See instructions)
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required
Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization
Illinois Corporation
             7 Sole Voting Power
             0
Number of
Shares
Beneficially 8 Shared Voting Power
            2,985,195 shares
Owned by
Each
Reporting 9 Sole Dispositive Power
              0
Person
With
            10 Shared Dispositive Power
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2,985,195 shares

- 11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 2,985,195 shares
- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See instructions) []
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

16.7%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See instructions) ${\it CO}$

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The undersigned hereby amends its Schedule 13D as filed on September 19, 2003 relating to the Common Stock of Nanophase Technologies Corporation. Unless otherwise indicated, all capitalized terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Schedule 13D. Except as set forth herein, the Schedule 13D remains unchanged.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

- (a) As of the date of this filing, if Grace exercised its warrants, it would beneficially own 2,685,195 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 15.1% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock. Grace Investments beneficially owns 300,000 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 1.7% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock. As general partner of Grace and Grace Investments, if Grace exercised its warrants, Spurgeon may be deemed the beneficial owner of 2,985,195 shares of Common Stock, or 16.7% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, although they otherwise disclaim beneficial ownership. As general partner of Grace and Grace Investments, if Grace exercised its warrants, Whitmore may be deemed the beneficial owner of 2,985,195 shares of Common Stock, and 272,812 shares of Common Stock as direct beneficial owner, or 18.3% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.
- (b) Grace: shared voting power (with Whitmore and Spurgeon) 2,232,194 Shares of Common Stock; and Warrants expiring on September 8, 2004 (\$4.415 strike price) presently exercisable for 453,001 shares of Common Stock

Grace Investments: shared voting power (with Whitmore and Spurgeon)

300,000 Shares of Common Stock

Whitmore: shared voting power (with Grace, Grace Investments and Spurgeon)
2,532,194 Shares of Common Stock;

and Warrants expiring on September 8, 2004 (\$4.415 strike price) presently exercisable for 453,001 shares of Common and sole voting power 272,812 Shares of Common Stock Spurgeon: shared voting power (with Grace, Grace Investments, and Whitmore) 2,532,194 Shares of Common Stock; and Warrants expiring on September 8, 2004 (\$4.415 strike price) presently exercisable for 453,001 shares of Common Stock (c) Transactions in the Company's Common Stock effected by Grace Brothers, Ltd. during the past 60 days are set forth in Schedule A. Transactions in the Company's Common Stock effected by Grace Investments, Ltd. during the past 60 days are set forth in Schedule B. Transactions in the Company's Common Stock effected by Bradford T. Whitmore during the past 60 days are set forth in Schedule C. 7 Page 7 of 8 Pages SIGNATURE After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this Statement with respect to it is true, complete and correct. Dated: April 6, 2004 Grace Brothers, Ltd. By: /s/ Bradford T. Whitmore Name: Bradford T. Whitmore Its: General Partner Grace Investments, Ltd. By: /s/ Bradford T. Whitmore Name: Bradford T. Whitmore Its: General Partner Bradford T. Whitmore By: /s/ Bradford T. Whitmore Name: Bradford T. Whitmore Spurgeon Corporation By: /s/ David J. Allen Name: David J. Allen Its: Vice President

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SCHEDULE A

TRADE ACTIVITY FOR NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION EFFECTED BY GRACE BROTHERS, LTD. FOR THE PREVIOUS 60 DAYS. (ALL ACTIVITY WAS EXECUTED OVER THE COUNTER)

Date	Security	Amount of Shares Sold	Price per Share
Date	becariey	bhares bora	bilare
03/30/2004	Common Sto	ck 1,350	\$10.29
03/30/2004	Common Sto	ck 5,300	\$10.30
03/30/2004	Common Sto	ck 43,100	\$10.31
03/30/2004	Common Sto		\$10.32
03/30/2004	Common Sto	ck 4,525	\$10.33
03/30/2004	Common Sto	ck 1,237	\$10.34
03/30/2004	Common Sto	ck 400	\$10.35
03/30/2004	Common Sto	ck 574	\$10.36
03/30/2004	Common Sto	ck 3,300	\$10.40
03/30/2004	Common Sto	ck 1,000	\$10.53
03/30/2004	Common Sto	ck 2,000	\$10.58
03/30/2004	Common Sto	ck 1,000	\$10.59
03/30/2004	Common Sto	ck 1,500	\$10.60
03/30/2004	Common Sto	ck 600	\$10.55
03/30/2004	Common Sto	ck 400	\$10.56
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 12,875	\$ 9.90
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 1,700	\$ 9.91
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 15,615	\$ 9.94
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 1,200	\$ 9.95
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 2,800	\$ 9.96
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 5,050	\$ 9.97
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 19,900	\$10.00
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 2,500	\$10.01
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 300	\$10.02
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 100	\$10.04
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 3,200	\$10.05
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 900	\$10.06
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 600	\$10.08
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 1,700	\$10.13
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 13,200	\$10.20
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 1,200	\$10.21
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 300	\$10.22
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 2,500	\$10.30
03/31/2004	Common Sto		\$10.32
03/31/2004	Common Sto	ck 4,500	\$10.33
04/01/2004	Common Sto	ck 1,300	\$10.03
04/01/2004	Common Sto	ck 1,000	\$10.04
04/01/2004	Common Sto	ck 18,669	\$10.05
04/01/2004	Common Sto	ck 7,100	\$10.06
04/01/2004	Common Sto	ck 6,400	\$10.07
04/01/2004	Common Sto	ck 1,000	\$10.08
04/01/2004	Common Sto		\$10.10
04/01/2004	Common Sto	ck 700	\$10.11
04/01/2004	Common Sto		\$10.12
04/01/2004	Common Sto		\$10.13
04/01/2004	Common Sto		\$10.15
04/01/2004	Common Sto		\$10.17
04/01/2004	Common Sto	·	\$10.19
04/01/2004	Common Sto	ck 45,900	\$10.30

SCHEDULE B

TRADE ACTIVITY FOR NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION EFFECTED BY GRACE INVESTMENTS, LTD. FOR THE PREVIOUS 60 DAYS. (ALL ACTIVITY WAS EXECUTED OVER THE COUNTER)

		Amount of	Price per
Date	Security	Shares Sold	Share
2400		31101 3310	51141 0
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	k 26,900	\$11.12
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	k 300	\$11.13
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	k 20,000	\$11.15
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	k 59,600	\$11.16
04/01/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.17
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	k 52,654	\$11.18
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	k 28 , 450	\$11.20
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	k 20,000	\$11.21
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	k 31,250	\$11.24
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	k 200	\$11.26
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	k 2,800	\$11.27
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	k 40,000	\$11.30
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	k 39 , 500	\$11.35
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	k 400	\$11.36
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	k 400	\$11.40
04/01/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.43
04/01/2004	Common Stoc	•	\$11.45
04/02/2004	Common Stoc	· ·	\$10.60
04/02/2004	Common Stoc	· ·	\$10.61
04/02/2004	Common Stoc	•	\$10.63
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$10.64
04/02/2004	Common Stoc	· ·	\$10.65
04/02/2004	Common Stoc	· ·	\$10.66
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$10.67
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$10.85
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$10.86
04/02/2004	Common Stoc	· ·	\$10.87
04/02/2004	Common Stoc	· ·	\$10.88
04/02/2004	Common Stoc	· ·	\$10.89
04/02/2004 04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$10.90 \$10.92
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$10.93
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$10.98
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.03
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.05
04/02/2004	Common Stoc	•	\$11.06
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.08
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.10
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.11
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.14
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.25
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.26
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.27
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.47
04/02/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.54
04/05/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.00
04/05/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.01
04/05/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.02
04/05/2004	Common Stoc		\$11.03
04/05/2004	Common Stoc	k 5,240	\$11.04

04/05/2004	Common	C+ o ala	20,575	\$11.05
04/03/2004	COMMON	SCOCK	20,373	711.00
04/05/2004	Common	Stock	7,300	\$11.06
04/05/2004	Common	Stock	3,600	\$11.07
04/05/2004	Common	Stock	200	\$11.08
04/05/2004	Common	Stock	300	\$11.09
04/05/2004	Common	Stock	15,000	\$11.12
04/05/2004	Common	Stock	10,000	\$11.15
04/05/2004	Common	Stock	10,000	\$11.17

SCHEDULE C

TRADE ACTIVITY FOR NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION EFFECTED BY BRADFORD T. WHITMORE FOR THE PREVIOUS 60 DAYS. (ALL ACTIVITY WAS EXECUTED OVER THE COUNTER)

			Amount	of	Price per
Date	Securit	У	Shares	Sold	Share
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	22,300)	\$10.35
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	3,800)	\$10.39
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	2,800)	\$10.40
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	300)	\$10.41
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	800)	\$10.42
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	7,400)	\$10.50
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	300)	\$10.51
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	1,300)	\$10.52
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	100)	\$10.53
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	600)	\$10.54
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	300)	\$10.55
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	45,800)	\$10.60
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	100)	\$10.61
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	100)	\$10.62
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	100)	\$10.65
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	100)	\$10.66
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	300)	\$10.67
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	1,300)	\$10.68
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	2,200)	\$10.70
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	10,000)	\$10.75
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	6,500)	\$10.80
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	1,500)	\$10.81
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	1,000)	\$10.82
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	1,000)	\$10.84
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	10,000)	\$10.85
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	10,000)	\$10.90
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	20,000)	\$10.98
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	2,000)	\$11.00
04/01/2004	Common	Stock	48,000)	\$11.15