

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 \*  
 MCCLUNG JAMES A

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)  
 07/20/2012

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 07/20/2012                           |  | X                              |   | 9,941   | A  | \$ 0.33                           |
| Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>     | 07/20/2012                           |  | X                              |   | 5,812   | A  | \$ 0.33                           |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 30,071  | I  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 17,582  | 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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 3.78  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/25/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 11/25/2012  | Common Stock | 2,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 5.07  |                                      |  |                                |   | 06/26/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 06/26/2013  | Common Stock | 2,000                      |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 1.36 <sup>(3)</sup>                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/31/2014   | 01/31/2021  | Common Stock | 12,000                     |
| Deferred Common Stock                      | <sup>(4)</sup>   |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(5)</sup>   | <sup>(5)(6)</sup>   | Common Stock | 2,250                      |
| Stock Appreciation Right <sup>(7)</sup>    | \$ 0.99  |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(7)</sup>   | <sup>(7)</sup>  | Common Stock | 2,250                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MCCLUNG JAMES A<br>1319 MARQUETTE DRIVE<br>ROMEDEVILLE, IL 60446 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

By Jess Jankowski under UPA for James A. McClung 07/25/2012

\*\*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).

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The reporting person previously reported shares 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, purchasing 9,941 additional shares of Common Stock at the same \$0.33 price.

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- (2) 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, purchasing 5,812 additional shares of Common Stock at the same \$0.33 price.
- (3) Subject to certain rights and restrictions, beginning on this date, options vest in three equal annual 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.
- (6) Pursuant to such plan, the reporting person elected to defer receipt of such shares and receive a cumulative total of 21,596 shares of deferred common stock which will all be accounted for under the Company's Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan.

The stock appreciation right becomes payable upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director of the Company. 2,250 were issued 4/8/2009 at a conversion price of \$0.90, 2,250 were issued 7/1/2009 at a conversion price of \$1.05, 2,250 were issued 10/1/2009 at a conversion price of \$1.18, 2,250 were issued 1/4/2010 at a conversion price of \$0.84, 2,250 were issued 4/1/2010 at a conversion price of \$1.85, 2,250 were issued 7/1/2010 at a conversion price of \$1.10, and 2,250 were issued 10/1/2010 at a conversion price of \$0.99.

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