

WHITMORE BRADFORD T

Form SC 13D/A

March 16, 2012

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

SCHEDULE 13D/A

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
(Amendment No. 6)

Nanophase Technologies Corporation
(Name of Issuer)

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

630079101
(CUSIP Number)

Jerald A. Trannel
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to
Receive Notices and Communications)

March 14, 2012
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on
Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject
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1. Names of Reporting Person
S.S. OR I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Persons

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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)

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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

	7 Sole Voting Power
Number of	2,507,029 shares
Shares	
Beneficially	8 Shared Voting Power
Owned by	2,721,918 shares
Each	
Reporting	9 Sole Dispositive Power
Person	2,507,029 shares
With	
	10 Shared Dispositive Power
	2,721,918 shares

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

5,228,947 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)

24.7%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See instructions)

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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) ☐

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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
Shares	8 Shared Voting Power
Beneficially	300,000 shares
Owned by	
Each	
Reporting	9 Sole Dispositive Power
Person	0
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)

1.4%

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
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)
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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

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Number of 0
Shares 8 Shared Voting Power
Beneficially 2,421,918 shares
Owned by
Each
Reporting 9 Sole Dispositive Power
Person 0
With 10 Shared Dispositive Power
2,421,918 shares

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

2,421,918 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)

11.4%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See instructions)

PN, BD

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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)

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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
Number of 0
Shares
Beneficially 8 Shared Voting Power
Owned by 2,721,918 shares
Each
Reporting 9 Sole Dispositive Power
Person 0
With 10 Shared Dispositive Power

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2,721,918 shares

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

2,721,918 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)

12.8%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See instructions)

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The undersigned hereby amends its Schedule 13D as filed on September 19, 2003 and as previously amended 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 4. Purpose of Transaction

On March 14, 2012, Whitmore purchased 1,152,002 shares of Common Stock held by Grace in a private transaction at a market price of \$0.38 per share. The transaction was effected to reduce the investment exposure held by Grace, while at the same time increasing Whitmore's investment position.

The Filers have no plans or proposals which relate to, or would result in, any of the matters referred to in Paragraphs (a) through (j), inclusive, of Item 4 of the Schedule 13D. The Filers may, at any time and from time to time, review or reconsider their investment in the Company and formulate plans or proposals with respect thereto, but have no present intention of doing so.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) As of the date of this filing, Grace beneficially owns 2,421,918 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 11.4% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock. Grace Investments beneficially owns 300,000 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 1.4% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock. As general partner of Grace and Grace Investments, Spurgeon may be deemed the beneficial owner of 2,721,918 shares of Common Stock, or 12.8% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, although Spurgeon otherwise disclaims beneficial ownership. As General partner of Grace and Grace Investments, Whitmore may be deemed the beneficial owner of 5,228,947 shares of Common Stock, representing 2,721,918 shares of stock held indirectly and 2,507,029 shares of Common Stock as direct beneficial owner, or 24.7% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

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(b) Grace: shared voting power (with Whitmore and Spurgeon)
2,421,918 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)
2,721,918 Shares of Common Stock;
and
sole voting power
2,507,029 Shares of Common Stock

Spurgeon: shared voting power (with Grace, Grace Investments, and Whitmore)
2,721,918 Shares of Common Stock

(c) The transactions effected by the Filers during the past sixty days are set forth in Schedule A.

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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: March 16, 2012

Bradford T. Whitmore

By: /s/ Bradford T. Whitmore
Name: Bradford T. Whitmore

Grace Investments, Ltd.

By: /s/ Bradford T. Whitmore
Name: Bradford T. Whitmore
Its: General Partner

Grace Brothers, Ltd.

By: /s/ Bradford T. Whitmore
Name: Bradford T. Whitmore
Its: General Partner

Spurgeon Corporation

By: /s/ Jerald A. Trannel
Name: Jerald A. Trannel
Its: Vice President

SCHEDULE A

TRADE ACTIVITY FOR NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES, CORP.
EFFECTED BY GRACE BROTHERS, LTD. FOR THE PREVIOUS

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60 DAYS.

Date	Security	Amount of Shares Sold	Price per Share
03/14/2012	Common Stock	1,152,002	\$0.38

TRADE ACTIVITY FOR NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES, CORP.
EFFECTED BY BRADFORD T. WHITMORE FOR THE PREVIOUS
60 DAYS.

Date	Security	Amount of Shares Purchased	Price per Share
03/14/2012	Common Stock	1,152,002	\$0.38