

NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
August 10, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) August 6, 2012

**NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

000-22333  
(Commission File Number)

36-3687863  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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1319 Marquette Drive, Romeoville, Illinois

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (630) 771-6700

60446

(Zip Code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Certain Officers.**

On August 6, 2012, Mr. David Nelson, the Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Nanophase Technologies Corporation (the Company ) resigned from his position effective August 17, 2012. Following Mr. Nelson's departure, and until his successor is hired, the Company's President and CEO, Mr. Jess Jankowski, will assume responsibility for the functions Mr. Nelson currently performs.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, at amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION**  
(Registrant)

August 10, 2012  
(Date)

**/s/ FRANK CESARIO**  
**FRANK CESARIO**  
*Chief Financial Officer*