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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): July 24, 2006 NANOPHASE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commission File Number: 0-22333

Delaware 36-3687863

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1319 Marquette Drive, Romeoville, Illinois 60446

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

(630) 771-6700

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area 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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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On July 24, 2006, Nanophase Technologies Corporation (the Company) executed an amendment to the Company s 2004 Equity Compensation Plan pursuant to which the Company (a) increased to 1,200,000 the aggregate number of shares available to be issued under the Plan, (b) increased the annual limit on the number of shares available to be issued under the Plan to 300,000 (subject to existing exceptions contained in the Plan), and (c) decreased the cap on grants to any individual in any year to 10% of any class. A copy of the First Amendment to 2004 Equity Compensation Plan is being filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 27, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing financial results for the quarterly fiscal period ended June 30, 2006. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this report.

Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws

On July 27, 2006, the Company amended its Certificate of Incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of common stock from 25,000,000 to 30,000,000. A copy of the First Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company is being filed as Exhibit 99.3 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Amendment to Equity Compensation

Exhibit 99.2 Press Release dated July 27, 2006

Exhibit 99.3 Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation

Signature(s)

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

Nanophase Technologies Corporation

Date: July 27, 2006 By: /s/ JESS JANKOWSKI

JESS JANKOWSKI Chief Financial Officer

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