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Commercializing Nano-Enabled Products

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Corporate Information

Nanophase Technologies Corp.

Corporate Headquarters:

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Second manufacturing facility in Burr Ridge, IL

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Ownership: Public since 1997

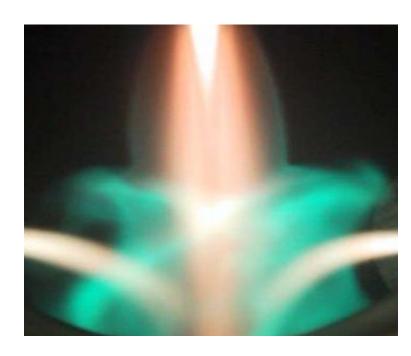
NASDAQ: NANX

Fiscal Year: December 31

Common Stock: 21.2 million shares outstanding

History – Leading Nanotechnology Growth

- 1989 Spun out of Argonne National Laboratory
- 1995 Launched 1st manufacturing process → Physical Vapor Synthesis (PVS)
- 2001 Launched 2nd manufacturing process (NAS) → Broad compositional palette capabilities
- 2002 Commercialized dispersion and surface treatment capabilities
- 2003/2004 BASF commercialization of ZnO in Personal Care market
- 2004 to Present Significant Nano adoption
- 2008 to Present Platform to Market Driven



Marketing Strategy - Change in Model

- Changes in 2008 to 2010
- Partners
 - BASF
 - Shift from "Exclusives" to "Non-Exclusives"
- Customer Direct
 - Targeted application solutions
 - Dramatic increase in revenue opportunities since 2008

New customers in field of use

More revenue from previously exclusive customers



Benefits of Nanophase's Innovative Solutions

- Transparency literally and figuratively
 - UVA and UVB blocking
 - Abrasion resistance
 - Superior polished finishes
 - High optical clarity and gloss
- Long-lasting protection
- All natural
- No change in current manufacturing process
 - We sell the way manufacturers want to buy
 - Applications expertise

Customers receive ready-to-use products in which the nanoparticles are stabilized at their primary particle size, with no secondary structure or agglomeration.



Patented / Proprietary Nanophase Technologies

Plasma Synthesis Manufacturing



Surface Treatment

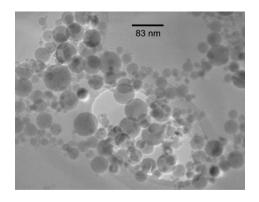


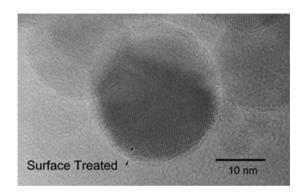
Formulated Dispersions

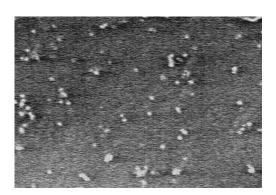
- Nano Metal Oxides from 10 nm to 1 micron
- Fully dense, Crystalline and Discrete

- Wet and dry surface treatments
- Enhanced functionality

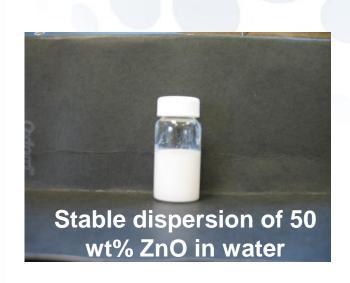
- Formulated to Enhance Performance
 - Compatibility is Key

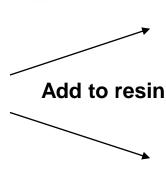






Compatible Nano Particles Significantly Improve Performance

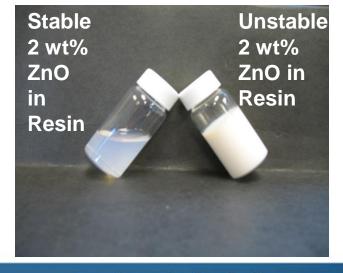




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ZnO
in
Resin

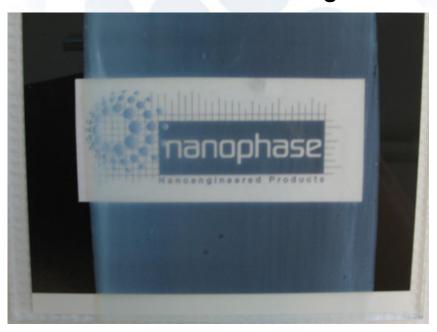
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Compatible Dispersions Enable Products That Perform!



Optimized for Performance: Transparency in Thin Films

Incompatible 1 wt% ZnO in 1 Mil Clear Coating



Agglomerated Particles

Compatible 1 wt% ZnO in 1 Mil Clear Coating



Discretely Dispersed Particles

Compatible Dispersions Enable High Transparency

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Nanophase Technologies - Market Segments

Nanophase is a leader in providing nanomaterials technologies that enhance product performance in a manner that is impossible or impractical with conventional/organic materials.

Our nano-based solutions have been incorporated in commercial products and global brands serving markets as diverse as:

| Personal care | Exterior coating | s Electronics |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Scratch Resistant Coatings | Architectural | windows Plastics |
| Automotive | Textiles | Medical Diagnostics |

Nanophase has a portfolio of proprietary and patent protected technologies to manufacture, surface treat and disperse nanoscale metal oxide particles, resulting in superior performance of products in target markets

Products Incorporating Nanophase Technologies











- Sunscreens (GMP)
 - **Daily Wear**
- Paints and Stains
- CMP Slurry (ppb)
- Laminated Flooring
- Optical Polishing
- Architectural Windows
- Car Wax
- Polyurethane Wood Finishing
- Foot powder
- Textiles

Focus Risk!!!



















Products and Markets

NanoArc® ZnO: Personal care products (cGMP)

Exterior stains and coatings



NanoArc® Al2O3: Scratch resistant coatings



(UV-cured)



NanoArc® CeO2 & NanoArc® Al2O3: Precision polishing (electronics)

On-Going Market Development

- Maintain dominant position in personal care market through BASF
- Robust application development efforts in three market initiatives:
 - Exterior coatings (UV resistance)
 - Scratch resistance
 - Electronics (polishing)
- Emphasis on products designed *specifically* for targeted markets and applications
- Identify IP to protect our products, processes, or applications in targeted markets
- Opportunistic applications such as energy, plastics and medical diagnostics---Part of Our New Market Queue

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Thank You











