

LIDGARD GRAHAM PETER
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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 *
 LIDGARD GRAHAM PETER

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 10398 PACIFIC CENTER CT.
 (Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NANOGEN INC [NGEN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/02/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP R&D, CTO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number of Shares |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|---------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Performance Stock Option | \$ 0.4158 | 04/02/2008 | | | A | | 187,500 | | (1) | 01/01/2018 | Common Stock | 187, |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LIDGARD GRAHAM PETER 10398 PACIFIC CENTER CT. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | | | Sr. VP R&D, CTO | |

Signatures

/S/ Graham
Lidgard

04/23/2008

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) These performance-based options were approved by the board of directors of Issuer on January 1, 2008 ("Grant Date"), subject to shareholder approval of amendment of the stock option plan (the "Amended Plan") under which such options were granted. The option shares are awarded upon achievement of certain goals under the Issuer's bonus plan for the prior fiscal year at above-target levels. The options vested over a 4-year period, with 25% of options shares to vest upon completion of one year of service following the Grant Date, and the remaining option shares vest monthly over a 36-month period measured from the first anniversary of the Grant Date. The Issuer's shareholders approved the Amended Plan on April 2, 2008.

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