NUVELO INC Form SC 13G January 12, 2007

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

> SCHEDULE 13G (Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b)(c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b) (Amendment No.)*

NUVELO INC

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

67072M301

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2006

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the Rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[X] Rule 13d - 1(b) [] Rule 13d - 1(c) [] Rule 13d - 1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes.)

_____ _____ CUSIP No 67072M301 13G Page 2 of 5 Pages -----_____ _____ 1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY): Columbia Wanger Asset Management, L.P. 04-3519872 _____ CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* 2 (a) [] (b) [] _____ _____ 3 SEC USE ONLY _____ _____ 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware _____ _____ 2,750,000 5 SOLE VOTING POWER NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH _____ _____ 6 SHARED VOTING POWER _____ _____ 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE 2,750,000 POWER _____ _____ 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER _____ _____ 9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH

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REPORTING PERSON 2,750,000 _____ _____ _____ 10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* [] _____ _____ 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 5.19% _____ _____ 12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON* IA -----*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer: NUVELO INC Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 201 Industrial Road Suite 310 San Carlos, CA 94070-6211 Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing: Columbia Wanger Asset Management, L.P. Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence: 227 West Monroe Street, Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60606. Item 2(c). Citizenship: Delaware Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock Item 2(e). CUSIP Number: 67072M301 Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or

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13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

(a) [] Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act. (b) [] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act. (c) [] Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act. (d) [] Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act. (e) [X] An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E). (f) [] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F). (g) [] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G). [] A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) (h) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. (i) [] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section

- definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act.
- If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check
 this box. []
- Item 4. Ownership:

With respect to the beneficial ownership of the reporting person, see Items 5 through 11 of the cover pages to this Schedule 13G, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person:

Not applicable.

- Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group: Not applicable.
- Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below each of the undersigned certifies that, to the best of such undersigned's knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 12, 2007

Columbia Wanger Asset Management, L.P.

By: /s/ Bruce H. Lauer

Bruce H. Lauer, Senior Vice President and Secretary, WAM Acquisition GP, Inc., General Partner