

NanoString Technologies Inc  
 Form 4  
 February 05, 2016

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**JOHNSON JAMES A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NanoString Technologies Inc  
 [NSTG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 530 FAIRVIEW AVENUE  
 N., SUITE 2000  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/03/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Financial Officer

SEATTLE, WA 98109

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 (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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0	02/03/2016	A		10,000		<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 12.94	02/05/2016	A		20,000		<sup>(3)</sup>	02/05/2026	Common Stock	20,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

JOHNSON JAMES A  
530 FAIRVIEW AVENUE N.  
SUITE 2000  
SEATTLE, WA 98109

Chief Financial Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Barbara A. Mery, Attorney  
in Fact

02/05/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Issuer's common stock.

1/3 of the RSUs vest on the first market trading day following the first anniversary of February 3, 2016 (the "RSU Vesting Commencement Date"), and 1/3 of the RSUs vest annually each year on the first market trading day after the second and third anniversary of the RSU Vesting Commencement Date, in each case, subject to Participant's continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan) through each such date.

The shares subject to this option shall vest at a rate of 1/48th of the total number of shares vest on the one-month anniversary of February 5, 2016 (the "Option Vesting Commencement Date") and 1/48th of the total number of shares each monthly anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date thereafter (and if there is no corresponding day, on the last day of the month) for so long as the recipient of the option remains a "Service Provider" (as defined in the 2013 Plan) of the Company, such that the total number of shares shall be fully vested on the four-year anniversary of the Option Vesting Commencement Date.

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