

NanoString Technologies Inc
 Form 4
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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.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/06/2017

____ 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)
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/06/2017 | | M | | 3,333 A \$ 8,422 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/06/2017 | | F | | 1,089 (2) D \$ 18.8 7,333 | D | |

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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 02/06/2017 | | M | 3,333 | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 3,333 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (4) | 02/06/2017 | | A | 10,000 | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 18.8 | 02/06/2017 | | A | 20,000 | (6) | 02/05/2027 | Common Stock | 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JOHNSON JAMES A 530 FAIRVIEW AVENUE N. SEATTLE, WA 98109 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Shannon Atchison,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/08/2017

__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) Restricted stock units ("RSUs") convert into Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The reported shares were withheld to cover the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of RSUs. These shares were not issued to or sold by the reporting person.
- (3) On February 3, 2016, the reporting person was granted 10,000 RSUs, vesting in three equal installments beginning on the first market trading day following the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Issuer's common stock.
- (5) 1/3 of the RSUs vest on the first market trading day following the first anniversary of March 6, 2017 (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

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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 6, 2017 (the "Option Vesting Commencement Date") and 1/48th of the total number of shares each monthly anniversary of the Option

- (6) 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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