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| March 13, 20 |)19 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Form 5 obligatio may cont <i>See</i> Instru 1(b). | ns Section 17(inue. action | a) of the | Public U | | ling Com | ipany | Act of | e Act of 1934, 1935 or Sectior 0 | 1 | | |
| (Print or Type I | Responses) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NanoString Technologies Inc [NSTG] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
| | | | | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Mo | | | (Month/D | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/11/2019 | | | | X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President and CEO | | | |
| | (Street) | | | | ta Original | | | | | c (Chaala | |
| | | | | ndment, Da nth/Day/Year | - | | | 6. Individual or Joi Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M | ne Reporting Per | rson | |
| SEATTLE, | WA 98109 | | | | | | | Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Acqu | iired, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) r) (Instr. 8) (A) | | | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2019 | | | М | 10,000 | А | <u>(1)</u> | 109,983 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2019 | | | F | 2,435 (2) | D | \$ 29.74 | 107,548 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2019 | | | М | 44,313 | А | <u>(1)</u> | 151,861 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2019 | | | F | 15,331 (2) | D | \$ 29.74 | 136,530 | 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | TransactiorDerivative Code Securities | | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. l De Sec (In |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(3)</u> | 03/11/2019 | | М | | 10,000 | <u>(4)</u> | (4) | Common Stock | 10,000 | |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(3)</u> | 03/11/2019 | | М | | 44,313 | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 44,313 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| GRAY R BRADLEY 530 FAIRVIEW AVENUE N SEATTLE, WA 98109 | Х | | President and CEO | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| /s/ Shannon Atchison, Attorney | 7 | 02/12/20 |)10 | | | | |

| /s/ Shannon Atchison, Attorney | 03/13/2019 |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| in Fact | 03/13/2019 |

**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. The shares were not issued to or sold by the reporting person.
- (3) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Issuer's common stock.

(4)

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1/3 of the RSUs vest on the first market trading day following the first anniversary of March 10, 2018 (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.

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