

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 \*  
**SAUNDERS BARNEY**

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)  
 03/01/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP, Sales & Marketing

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  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 <sup>(1)</sup>     | 03/01/2016 <sup>(2)</sup>            |  | A                              | 919 <sup>(3)</sup> A \$ 9.52                                      | 5,020   | 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)**

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| 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu... |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| SAUNDERS BARNEY<br>530 FAIRVIEW AVENUE N.<br>SUITE 2000<br>SEATTLE, WA 98109 |               |           | SVP, Sales & Marketing |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Barbara A. Mery, 03/03/2016  
 Attorney-in-fact

\_\_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).  
 The reporting person is voluntarily reporting the acquisition of shares of the issuer's common stock pursuant to the NanoString Technologies, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"), for the ESPP Purchase Period (as defined in the ESPP) of September 2, 2015 through March 1, 2016. This transaction is also exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
  - (1) The Purchase Period ended on March 1, 2016 and is the second of two Purchase Periods comprising the Offering Period (as defined in the ESPP) that began on March 2, 2015 (the "Enrollment Date").
  - (2) In accordance with the ESPP, these shares were purchased based on 85% of the closing price of the issuer's common stock on the Enrollment Date.

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