

NanoString Technologies Inc
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|-------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â JOHNSON JAMES A | | (Month/Day/Year) | NanoString Technologies Inc [NSTG] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 06/25/2013 | |
| 530 FAIRVIEW AVENUE | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| N.,Â SUITE 2000 | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| SEATTLE,Â WAÂ 98109 | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Chief Financial Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares | | | |

(Instr. 5)

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|-----------------------------|-------|------------|--------------|------------|---------|---|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (1) | 10/15/2022 | Common Stock | 82,968 (2) | \$ 5.12 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (3) | 01/09/2023 | Common Stock | 31,249 (2) | \$ 6.72 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JOHNSON JAMES A 530 FAIRVIEW AVENUE N. SUITE 2000 SEATTLE, WA 98109 | Â | Â | Â Chief Financial Officer | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Barbara Mery,
Attorney-in-fact

06/25/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) This option is subject to an early exercise provision and is immediately exercisable. 25% of the shares subject to the Option vest on the one year anniversary of October 1, 2012, and thereafter 1/48th of the shares subject to the Option shall vest on each monthly anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date.
 - (2) Reflects a 1-for-32 reverse stock split of the Issuer's outstanding shares effected June 12, 2013.
 - (3) This option is subject to an early exercise provision and is immediately exercisable. 1/48th of the shares subject to such Option vest on each monthly anniversary of January 10, 2013.

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