

Section 1 - Conflict Minerals Disclosure

Item 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure Report

NanoString Technologies, Inc. (the "Company") has determined that only three of its products, the three instruments comprising the nCounter Analysis Systems, contain conflict materials as defined in Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Company has performed a reasonable country of origin inquiry and concluded that the origin of some of such conflict materials cannot be determined. As such, the Company proceeded to exercise due diligence in accordance with the OECD framework on the source and chain of custody of the conflict materials.

The Company has prepared a Conflict Minerals Report, which is filed as an exhibit to this Form SD. The Conflict Minerals Report includes a discussion of the due diligence procedures performed, the ultimate determination of origin and conflict status reached, and the disclosures required by the SEC.

The Company has disclosed the information above, along with a copy of its Conflict Minerals Report, on its website at <http://investors.nanostring.com/governance.cfm>.

Item 1.02 Exhibit

The Conflict Minerals Report required by Item 1.01 is filed as Exhibit 1.01 of this Form SD.

Section 2 - Exhibits

Item 2.01 Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

1.01 Conflict Minerals Report as required by Items 1.01 and 1.02 of this Form.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NanoString Technologies, Inc.

Date: May 27, 2016 By: /s/ R. Bradley Gray
R. Bradley Gray
President and Chief Executive Officer

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