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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Â Blackstone Holdings II L.P.
(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P.,Â 345 PARK AVENUE
(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10154
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
01/04/2019

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
NanoString Technologies Inc [NSTG]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
_____ Director
_____ Officer (give title below)
__X__ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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)
Common Stock	4,036,025	I	See Footnotes (1) (2) (3)

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)

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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Blackstone Holdings II L.P. C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10154	Â	Â X	Â	Â
Blackstone Clarus II L.L.C. C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10154	Â	Â X	Â	Â
Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10154	Â	Â X	Â	Â
Blackstone Group L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10154	Â	Â X	Â	Â
Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10154	Â	Â X	Â	Â
SCHWARZMAN STEPHEN A C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10154	Â	Â X	Â	Â

Signatures

BLACKSTONE CLARUS II L.L.C., By: Blackstone Holdings II L.P., its managing member, By: Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc., its general partner, By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer	01/10/2019
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS II L.P., By: Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc., its general partner, By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer	01/10/2019
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS I/II GP INC., By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer	01/10/2019
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
	01/10/2019

THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P., By: Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., its general partner, By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer

**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
BLACKSTONE GROUP MANAGEMENT L.L.C., By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer	01/10/2019
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Stephen A. Schwarzman	01/10/2019
**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) These securities are held directly by Clarus Lifesciences II, L.P. ("Clarus II"). Clarus Ventures II GP, L.P. ("Clarus II GP") is the sole general partner of Clarus II. Blackstone Clarus II L.L.C. is the sole general partner of Clarus GP. The sole member of Blackstone Clarus II L.L.C. is Blackstone Holdings II L.P. The sole general partner of Blackstone Holdings II L.P. is Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc. The controlling shareholder of Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc. is The Blackstone Group L.P. The sole general partner of The Blackstone Group L.P. is Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. is wholly-owned by Blackstone's senior managing directors and controlled by its founder, Stephen A. Schwarzman.

(2) Information with respect to each of the Reporting Persons is given solely by such Reporting Person, and no Reporting Person has responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information supplied by another Reporting Person.

(3) Each of such Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own the shares beneficially owned by Clarus II, but each disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of such Reporting Person's pecuniary interest therein. The filing of this statement shall not be deemed to be an admission that, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, the Reporting Persons are the beneficial owners of any securities reported herein.

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Remarks:

ThisÂ FormÂ 3Â isÂ beingÂ filedÂ inÂ connectionÂ withÂ theÂ acquisitionÂ byÂ TheÂ BlackstoneÂ GroupÂ L.P.Â andÂ

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