

Stultz Timothy J
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Stultz Timothy J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NANOMETRICS INC [NANO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O NANOMETRICS
 INCORPORATED, 1550
 BUCKEYE DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

(Street)
 MILPITAS, CA 95035

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
Common Stock	02/17/2012		A	(A) or (D) A	20,000 (1) \$ 77,987	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.03	02/17/2012		A	50,000	(2) 02/17/2019	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stultz Timothy J C/O NANOMETRICS INCORPORATED 1550 BUCKEYE DRIVE MILPITAS, CA 95035	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Ronald W. Kisling,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/22/2012

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Shares are represented by restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NANO common stock. The restricted stock units vest on an annual basis, in equal 1/3rd increments, over a three-year period from the award date.
 - (2) One forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares shall vest and become exercisable in equal monthly installments starting on the monthly anniversary of the date of grant.

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