FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Walder Fredric T						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol FLUIDIGM CORP [ FLDM ]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  V Officer (give title Other (specify				
(Last) (First) (Middle) FLUIDIGM CORPORATION						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2012							X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chief Business Officer				
7000 SHORELINE COURT SUITE 100																	
(Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO		A	94080		4. 1	Line) X								vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person			
(City) (State)		tate)	(Zip)		_												
		Tab	le I - Nor	n-Deriv	vativ	e Sec	curities	Ac	quired, Di	sposed o	of, or Be	neficial	ly Owned	<u> </u>			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4)				Benefici	es ally Following	Form: (D) or	rm: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code V	Amount	(A) oi (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3	tion(s)			Instr. 4)
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)															•	
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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.49	02/17/2012			A		40,000		(1)	02/16/2022	Common Stock	40,000	\$0	40,000	)	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. 1/48 of the shares subject to the Option vested on the date of grant and 1/48 of the shares subject to the Option will vest on March 1, 2012 and each month thereafter, such that the Option will be fully vested on January 1, 2016.

/s/ William M. Smith, attorneyin-fact 02/21/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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