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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 April 23, 2012 Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

Nanometrics Incorporated

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware 0-13470
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission of incorporation) File Number)

1550 Buckeye Drive, Milpitas, California 95035

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 545-6000

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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(I. R. S. Employer

Identification No.)

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Item 1.01 - Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On April 23, 2012, Nanometrics Incorporated (the "Company") and Comerica Bank executed a Fifth Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement related to the Company's revolving credit facility of \$20.0 million, which amendment (i) extended the maturity date of the facility by two years to April 30, 2014, (ii) decreased the unused revolving line commitment fee from 0.1875% per annum to 0.10% per annum, and (iii) reduced the minimum interest rate on borrowings from 5.75% to 3.0% per annum. The remaining substantive provisions of the facility are not materially changed by the amendment.

Item 2.03 - Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The disclosure in Item 1.01 above is incorporated into this Item 2.03 by reference.

Item 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Description No.

Fifth Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement by and between Comerica Bank and Nanometrics

99.1 Incorporated dated April 23, 2012.

Signature

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.

Dated: May 8, 2012 NANOMETRICS INCORPORATED

> /S/ Ronald W. Kisling Ronald W. Kisling Chief Financial Officer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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99.1

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Incorporated dated April 23, 2012.