## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Levin Easterly Partners LLC |                                   |                                       | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FLUIDIGM CORP [ FLDM ] |  |        |   |          |                       |   | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director                                   |   |                              |  |  |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>595 MADISON AVENUE<br>17TH FLOOR           |                                   |                                       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/17/2019        |  |        |   |          |                       | Officer (give title X Other (specify below)  Passive Investor |   |   | ecify                        |  |  |  |  |
| (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022  |                                   | 4. If A                               | Amendı   | ment,  | Date o | f Origina   | al Filed | d (Month/Da           | ay/Yeaı   | )   | 6. Inc<br>Line)   | Forn                         | n filed by Or<br>n filed by Mo                               | up Filing (Che<br>ne Reporting<br>ore than One | Person   |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |                                   |                                       |  |  |        |   |          |                       |   |   |   |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Table I - N   |                                   |                                       |  |  |        | _   | , Dis    | -                     |   |   |   |                              |  | C Oumanahi                                     | . 7 1  | latura of  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)                                       | 2. Transact<br>Date<br>(Month/Day | Execution Date,                       |  | Transaction Disposed (Code (Instr. 5)                    |        | es Acquired (A) or<br>Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and   |          |                       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Indi<br>t Ben<br>Owr         | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)        |  |  |  |
|   |                                   |                                       |  |  |        | Code  | v        | Amount                | (A<br>(D  | or F  | rice  | Transac<br>(Instr. 3         | ction(s)   |  | (5   | , <del>-,</del> ,  |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)(2)</sup>  | 09/17/2                           | 019                                   |  |  |        | S   |          | 577,197               | 7   | D   | \$5.4   | 6,90                         | 09,871   | I  | According to Accor | ennaged<br>counts<br>Levin<br>sterly<br>rtners                   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)(2)</sup>  |                                   |                                       |  |  |        |   |          |                       |   |   |   | 4                            | ,996   | I  | According of 1   | : A<br>anaged<br>count<br>Levin<br>pital<br>ategies,<br>p.(5)(6) |
| Table II  | - Derivativ                       |                                       |  |  |        |   |          |                       |   |   |   | Owned                        |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of 2. 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed                              |                                   | ransaction of Code (Instr. Derivative |  | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |        | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |          | 8.<br>De<br>Se<br>(Ir | Price of erivative ecurity str. 5)                            | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | Owners<br>Form:<br>Direct (<br>or Indir<br>(I) (Inst              | hip of<br>Be<br>D) Ovect (In | L. Nature<br>f Indirect<br>eneficial<br>wnership<br>nstr. 4) |  |  |  |
| 1 Name and Address of Departing Person*                               | C                                 | Code                                  | v  | (A)  |        | Date<br>Exercisa  |          | Expiration<br>Date    | Title   | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar  | ber   |                              |  |  |  |  |

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Levin Easterly Partners LLC</u> |                   |          |   |  |  |  |
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| (Last)  | (First)           | (Middle) |   |  |  |  |
| 595 MADISON   | AVENUE            |          |   |  |  |  |
| 17TH FLOOR  |                   |          |   |  |  |  |
| (Street) NEW YORK   | NY                | 10022    | _ |  |  |  |
| (City)  | (State)           | (Zip)    |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LE Partners Holdings LLC</u>    |                   |          |   |  |  |  |
| (Last) 138 CONANT   | (First)<br>STREET | (Middle) |   |  |  |  |

| (Street)  | MA   | 01015                                   |  |  |  |  |
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| BEVERLY   | MA   | 01915                                   |  |  |  |  |
| (City)  | (State)  | (Zip)                                   |  |  |  |  |
|   | ress of Reporting Person* Holdings II LLC  |   |  |  |  |  |
| (Last) 138 CONANT   | (First) STREET   | (Middle)                                |  |  |  |  |
| (Street) BEVERLY  | MA   | 01915                                   |  |  |  |  |
| (City)  | (State)  | (Zip)                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LE Partners Holdings III LLC</u>  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| (Last)<br>138 CONANT  | (First)<br>STREET  | (Middle)                                |  |  |  |  |
| (Street) BEVERLY  | MA   | 01915                                   |  |  |  |  |
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|   | ess of Reporting Person* Holdings IV LLC   |   |  |  |  |  |
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| 1. Name and Address LEVIN CAPI  |               | Person*<br>ATEGIES, L.P. |
| (Last) 595 MADISON A 17TH FLOOR | (First) VENUE | (Middle)                 |
| (Street)<br>NEW YORK            | NY            | 10022                    |
| (City)                          | (State)       | (Zip)                    |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This Form 4 is being jointly filed by Levin Easterly Partners LLC ("Levin Easterly"), LE Partners Holdings LLC ("LEPH"), LE Partners Holdings II LLC ("LEPH II"), LE Partners Holdings IV LLC ("LEPH IV"), Darrell Crate ("Mr. Crate"), Avshalom Kalichstein ("Mr. Kalichstein"), John Murphy ("Mr. Murphy"), and Levin Capital Strategies, L.P. ("LCS") (collectively, the "Reporting Persons")
- 2. The Reporting Persons are passive investors in the Issuer and are voluntarily filing this Form 4 as a result of acquiring over 10% of the Issuer's outstanding shares of Common Stock. The Reporting Persons have not acquired the shares with a purpose or effect of changing or influencing control of the Issuer. Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), this filing shall not be construed as an admission that the Reporting Persons are, for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act or otherwise, the beneficial owners of any of the securities reported herein under Section 16 or otherwise. Each of the Reporting Persons specifically disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein that are not directly owned by such Reporting Person, except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
- 3. Shares held in certain separately managed accounts (the "LEP Managed Accounts"). Levin Easterly, as the investment manager to the LEP Managed Accounts, may be deemed to beneficially own such shares. Levin Easterly does not have a reportable pecuniary interest under Section 16a-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act in the shares held in the LEP Managed Accounts as Levin Easterly receives an asset-based management fee for serving as investment manager to the LEP Managed Accounts, except that with respect to 110,601 shares held in the LEP Managed Accounts, Levin Easterly receives a performance-based incentive fee. The performance-based incentive fee Levin Easterly receives also observed that with respect to 110,601 shares held in the LEP Managed Accounts, Levin Easterly receives a performance-based incentive fee. The performance-based incentive fee Levin Easterly receives also does not constitute a reportable pecuniary interest under Section 16a-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act, as such fee is based on the performance of the overall account, over a period of one year or more, and the shares of the Issuer held in such accounts constitute nor more than 10% of the market value thereof.
- 4. For the reasons set forth above in footnote 3, none of LEPH, LEPH II, LEPH III, LEPH IV, Mr. Crate, Mr. Kalichstein and Mr. Murphy have a reportable pecuniary interest in the shares held in the LEP Managed Accounts.
- 5. Shares held in a certain separately managed account (the "LCS Managed Account"). LCS, as the investment manager to the LCS Managed Account, may be deemed to beneficially own such shares. LCS does not have a reportable pecuniary interest under Section 16a-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act in the shares held in the LCS Managed Account as LCS receives an asset-based management fee for serving as investment manager to the LCS Managed Account
- 6. For the reasons set forth above in footnote 5, Mr. Murphy does not have a reportable pecuniary interest in the shares held in the LCS Managed Account.

<u>Levin Easterly Partners; By: /s/</u> 09/19/2019 Darrell Crate, Chairman LE Partners Holdings LLC; By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing 09/19/2019 Director LE Partners Holdings II LLC; By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing 09/19/2019 Director LE Partners Holdings III LLC; By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing 09/19/2019 LE Partners Holdings IV LLC; By: /s/ Darrell Crate, Managing 09/19/2019 Director /s/ Darrell Crate 09/19/2019 /s/ Avshalom Kalichstein 09/19/2019 /s/ John Murphy 09/19/2019 Levin Capital Strategies, L.P.; By: /s/ John A. Levin, Chief 09/19/2019 **Executive Officer** 

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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- \* 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).

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