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FORM 144

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ATTENTION: Transmit for filing 3 copies of this form concurrently with either placing an order with a broker to execute sale or executing a sale directly with a market maker.

1(a) NAME OF ISSUER (Please type or print) (b) IRS IDENT. NO. (c) S.E.C. FILE NO.

Bancroft Fund Ltd. 04-2476994 811-02151

1(d) ADDRESS OF ISSUER

STREET CITY (e) TELEPHONE

STATE ZIP CODE NO.

AREA NUMBER

One Corporate Center Rye NY CODE 921-5000

10580 914

2(a) NAME OF PERSON FOR WHOSE (b) (c) ADDRESS

ACCOUNT THE SECURITIES ARE TO BE SOLD RELATIONSHIP STREET CITY

TO ISSUER STATE ZIP CODE

Mario J. Gabelli Director One Corporate Center Rye

Nano J. Gabelli NY 10580

INSTRUCTION: The person filing this notice should contact the issuer to obtain the I.R.S. Identification Number and the S.E.C. File Number.

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Class Broker Through Whom the of Securities are to be Offered Securities Fach Market Maker who	SEC USE ONLY Broker-Dealer File Number	(c) Num of Share or Othe Units To Be Sold [See instr. 3(c)]	es (d) Aggregate 'T Market S Value ([See instr. 3(d)]	(e) Number of Shares or Other Units Outstanding [See instr. 3(e)]	(f) Approximate Date of Sale [See instr. 3(f) (MO DAY YR)	(g) Name of Each]Securities Exchange [See instr. 3(g)]
Common G.research, LLC One Corporate Center Shares Rye, NY 10580		2,800	\$60,200 Oas of 12/4/17	5,249,900	12/4/2017	NASDAQ/OTC

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. (a) Name of Issuer
 - (b) Issuer's I.R.S. Identification Number
 - (c) Issuer's S.E.C. file number, if any
 - (d) Issuer's address, including zip code
- (e) Issuer's telephone number, including area code
- 2. (a) Name of person for whose account the securities are to be sold
- (b) Such person's relationship to the issuershown by the most recent (e.g., officer, director, 10% stockholder, or report or statement member of immediate family of any of the foregoing)

 (g) Name of each secu
- (c) Such person's address, including zip code

- 3. (a) Title of the class of securities to be sold
- (b) Name and address of each broker through whom the securities are intended to be sold
- (c) Number of shares or other units to be sold (if debt securities, give the aggregate face amount)
- (d) Aggregate market value of the securities to be sold as of a specified date within 10 days prior to the filing of this notice
- (e) Number of shares or other units of the class outstanding, or if debt securities the face amount thereof outstanding, as

report or statement published by the issuer

- (f) Approximate date on which the securities are to be sold
- (g) Name of each securities exchange, if any, on which the securities are intended to be sold

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TABLE I -- SECURITIES TO BE SOLD

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

Title of the Class	Date You Acquired Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Name of Person from Whom Acquired (if gift, also give date donor acquired)	Amount of Securities Acquired	Date of Payment Nature of Payment
Common Shares	200,000 Open Market Purchase	Issuer	200,000	7/28/2015 Cash

If the securities were purchased and full payment therefore was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the INSTRUCTIONS: consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments, describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

TABLE II -- SECURITIES SOLD DURING THE PAST 3 MONTHS

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

Name and Address of Seller Title of Securities Sold Date of Sale Amount of Securities Sold Gross Proceeds

INSTRUCTIONS:

See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required

ATTENTION:

The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to be sold hereby represents by signing this notice that Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the person for whose account the securities are to be the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the sold but also as to all other persons included in that securities to be sold which has not been publicly disclosed. If such person has adopted a written trading plan or given trading instructions to satisfy Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, by by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with signing the form and indicating the date that the plan was adopted sales for the account of the person filing this notice. or the instruction given, that person makes such representation as of the plan adoption or instruction date.

December 4, 2017 DATE OF NOTICE

/s/ Douglas R. Jamieson (SIGNATURE) Douglas R. Jamieson, Attorney-In-Fact for Mario J.

Gabelli

DATE OF PLAN ADOPTION OR GIVING OF INSTRUCTION

IF RELYING ON **RULE 10B5-1**

The notice shall be signed by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold. At least one copy of the notice shall be manually signed. Any copies not manually signed shall bear typed or printed signatures.

ATTENTION: Intentional misstatements or omission of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)