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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 \*  
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC  
 [VECO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/10/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC., TERMINAL DRIVE  
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PLAINVIEW, NY 11803

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	02/10/2010		M		10,000	A	\$ 18.11 60,316 D
Common Stock	02/10/2010		M		30,000	A	\$ 16.56 90,316 D
Common Stock	02/10/2010		S		46,200 (1)	D	\$ 33.3431 (2) 44,116 D
Common Stock	02/10/2010		S		3,800 (1)	D	\$ 33.9274 (8) 40,316 D

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Common Stock	02/11/2010	M	10,000	A	\$ 23.61	50,316	D
Common Stock	02/11/2010	M	30,000	A	\$ 21.36	80,316	D
Common Stock	02/11/2010	M	15,000	A	\$ 21.84	95,316	D
Common Stock	02/11/2010	S	<u>55,000</u> (1)	D	\$ 35	40,316	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)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 18.11	02/10/2010		M	10,000	(3) 06/07/2014	Common Stock 10,000
Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 16.56	02/10/2010		M	30,000	(4) 06/16/2012	Common Stock 30,000
Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 23.61	02/11/2009		M	10,000	(5) 06/08/2013	Common Stock 10,000
Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 21.36	02/11/2010		M	30,000	(6) 07/27/2011	Common Stock 30,000
Stock Option	\$ 21.84	02/11/2010		M	15,000	(7) 09/14/2011	Common Stock 15,000

(right to purchase)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Oates Robert P VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC. TERMINAL DRIVE PLAINVIEW, NY 11803			EVP Data Storage	

## Signatures

Gregory A. Robbins,  
Attorney-in-fact

02/12/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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) Represents securities sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person.  
Reflects weighted average sale price. Actual sale prices ranged from \$32.87 to \$33.86 per share. The reporting person undertakes to
  - (2) provide, upon request of the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares at each separate price.
  - (3) The option was granted on June 8, 2007 and became exercisable with respect to 1/3 of such shares on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
  - (4) The option was granted on June 17, 2005 and became exercisable with respect to 1/3 of such shares on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
  - (5) The option was granted on June 9, 2006 and became exercisable with respect to 1/3 of such shares on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
  - (6) The option was granted on July 28, 2004 and became exercisable with respect to 1/3 of such shares on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
  - (7) The option was granted on September 15, 2004 and became exercisable with respect to 1/3 of such shares on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.  
Reflects weighted average sale price. Actual sale prices ranged from \$33.87 to \$34.09 per share. The reporting person undertakes to
  - (8) provide, upon request of the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares at each separate price.

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