

KIERNAN JOHN P
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FORM 4

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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 *
 KIERNAN JOHN P

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)
 VEECO INSTRUMENTS
 INC., TERMINAL DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/25/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP Fin, Corp. Cont & Treasure

PLAINVIEW, NY 11803

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/25/2012		A	(A) or (D) A	5,750 (1) \$ 0 22,926	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)

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 33	05/25/2012		A	18,500	(2) 05/24/2022	common stock	18,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KIERNAN JOHN P VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC., TERMINAL DRIVE PLAINVIEW, NY 11803			SVP Fin, Corp. Cont & Treasure	

Signatures

Gregory A. Robbins,
Attorney-in-fact

05/30/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) These shares were acquired pursuant to a restricted stock award under the Veeco Instruments Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan and are subject to certain restrictions. Vesting of these shares is conditioned on the achievement of certain performance criteria. If the designated performance criteria is met, then the restrictions will lapse with respect to one third of such shares on each of the second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date.
- (2) The option will become exercisable with respect to 1/3 of such shares on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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