

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC
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 *
PEELER JOHN R

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)
06/14/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman & CEO

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Pr Deriv |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 12/14/2016 | A | | 6,123 (1) | | (1) | (1) | Common Stock | 6,123 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 12/14/2016 | A | | 5,883 (2) | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 5,883 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PEELER JOHN R VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC. TERMINAL DRIVE PLAINVIEW, NY 11803 | X | | Chairman & CEO | |

Signatures

Gregory A. Robbins,
Attorney-in-fact

12/16/2016

__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) Reflects performance-based restricted stock units (RSUs) granted under the Veeco 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. Each RSU represents the contingent right to receive one share of Veeco common stock, assuming achievement of the performance criteria by the date corresponding to 100% performance achievement (the "target date"), as specified in the award agreement. If the criteria are achieved prior to the target date, then up to 150% of the shares covered by the award may be earned. If the criteria are achieved after the target date, but still within the designated period, then fewer than 100% of the shares may be earned. If the criteria are not achieved by the specified deadline, then the award will be forfeited. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person on the date(s) provided in the award agreement, subject to the reporting person's continued service over the later of: (i) three years from the grant date or, (ii) the date on which the target is achieved.

(2) Reflects restricted stock units (RSUs) granted under the Veeco 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Veeco common stock, subject to certain restrictions. These restrictions will lapse with respect to 1/4 of such shares on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant, subject to the reporting person's continued service through such date.

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