

Wagner Richard
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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 *
Wagner Richard

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1373 BOGGS DRIVE
(Street)

MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock (Restricted Stock Unit) | 02/21/2012 | | A | | 5,264 | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 26,068 | 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 Buy) | \$ 13.06 | 02/21/2012 | | A | 11,345 | (1) 02/21/2022 | Common Stock 11,345 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.72 | | | | | (1) 08/08/2021 | Common Stock 14,175 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.43 | | | | | (1) 02/08/2021 | Common Stock 11,732 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.16 | | | | | (1) 08/09/2020 | Common Stock 15,449 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) (Common Stock) | \$ 9.39 | | | | | (1) 02/09/2020 | Common Stock 14,881 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.6 | | | | | (1) 08/10/2019 | Common Stock 10,982 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.55 | | | | | (1) 02/10/2019 | Common Stock 14,946 |

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| Buy) | | | | | |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.15 | <u>(1)</u> | 02/19/2018 | Common Stock | 13,196 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.69 | <u>(1)</u> | 08/19/2018 | Common Stock | 7,314 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.11 | <u>(1)</u> | 02/13/2017 | Common Stock | 6,598 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.27 | <u>(1)</u> | 08/13/2017 | Common Stock | 5,444 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.26 | <u>(1)</u> | 08/14/2016 | Common Stock | 2,841 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.12 | <u>(1)</u> | 03/04/2015 | Common Stock | 5,301 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 15.64 | <u>(1)</u> | 02/14/2016 | Common Stock | 4,080 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.89 | <u>(1)</u> | 07/26/2015 | Common Stock | 3,430 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wagner Richard
1373 BOGGS DRIVE
MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030

Vice President

Signatures

James F. Petelle for Richard T.
Wagner

02/22/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Options vest 1/3 annually beginning one year from grant date.

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