

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
SVP Finance & Corp. Controller

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC., 100  
SUNNYSIDE BOULEVARD,  
SUITE B**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**06/09/2006**

**WOODBURY, NY 11797**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)
Common Stock	06/09/2006		A	(A) or (D) 3,000 (1)	\$ 0 3,000	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)	\$ 23.61	06/09/2006		A	5,000	(2) 06/08/2013	common stock	5,000

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KIERNAN JOHN P VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC., 100 SUNNYSIDE BOULEVARD, SUITE B WOODBURY, NY 11797				SVP Finance & Corp. Controller

### Signatures

Gregory A. Robbins,  
Attorney-in-fact

06/12/2006

\*\*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).  
These shares were acquired pursuant to a restricted stock award under the Veeco Instruments Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan and are
- (1) subject to certain restrictions. These restrictions shall lapse with respect to 1/3 of such shares on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
  - (2) The option becomes exercisable in 33 1/3% increments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date.

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