

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC
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**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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 SVP Finance & Corp. Controller

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

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

WOODBURY, NY 11797

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/05/2006		M		10,000	A	\$ 15.48
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/05/2006		S		10,000	D	\$ 27.10

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 15.48	05/05/2006		M	10,000	<u>(1)</u> 03/31/2010	Common Stock	10,000

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 05/09/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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The original grant provided that the option would become exercisable in 33 1/3% increments on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd anniversaries of the (1) grant date. On 4/12/2005, the Compensation Committee of Veeco's Board of Directors approved the acceleration of vesting of all unvested stock options granted prior to 9/1/2004 which were then out-of-the-money (exercise price greater than \$15.26).

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