

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)  
 05/05/2005

(Street)  
 WOODBURY, NY 11797

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/05/2006		M	10,000	A	\$ 15.48	10,000	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/05/2006		S	10,000	D	\$ 27.10	0	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)	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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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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