

INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

PECHOTA GARY L

(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)  
 04/25/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 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 or Price		
Common Stock	04/25/2006		M		2,000 A \$ 2.12	9,364	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006		S		2,000 D \$ 43.66	7,364	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006		M		2,000 A \$ 4.75	9,364	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006		S		2,000 D \$ 43.66	7,364	D
Common Stock						960	I Restricted

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.12	04/25/2006		M	2,000	02/16/2001 02/16/2011	Common Stock	2,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.75	04/25/2006		M	2,000	09/15/1998 09/15/2008	Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PECHOTA GARY L 1373 BOGGS DRIVE MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030		X		

## Signatures

By: Gary D. Kniskern For: Gary L. Pechota 04/26/2006

\*\*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).

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