

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 20, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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Date of Report (*Date of earliest event reported*): **May 14, 2009**

**VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**  
*(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)*

**0-16244**  
*(Commission  
File Number)*

**11-2989601**  
*(IRS Employer Identification No.)*

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Terminal Drive, Plainview, New York 11803

*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**(516) 677-0200**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

**Not applicable**

*(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)*

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 8 Other Events**

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

In 2006, Veeco Instruments Inc. ( Veeco ) purchased 19.9% of the common stock of Fluens Corporation ( Fluens ). Since then, Veeco and Fluens jointly developed a next-generation process for high-rate deposition of aluminum oxide for data storage applications. On May 14, 2009, Veeco purchased the remaining 80.1% of the outstanding stock of Fluens for \$1.5 million (payable \$0.5 million per quarter in each of the second, third and fourth quarters of 2009) plus an earnout. As a result, Fluens became wholly-owned by Veeco.

The information in this report shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, nor shall this information be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.**

May 20, 2009

By:

/s/ Gregory A. Robbins

Gregory A. Robbins  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel