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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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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)

VEECO INSTRUMENTS
INC., TERMINAL DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/01/2010

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

PLAINVIEW, NY 11803

(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	07/01/2010		M		35,000	A	\$ 17.48	73,263	D
Common Stock	07/01/2010		M		596	A	\$ 8.82	73,859	D
Common Stock	07/01/2010		S		35,596 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 35	38,263	D
Common Stock	07/02/2010		M		5,904	A	\$ 8.82	44,167	D
Common Stock	07/02/2010		M		6,500	A	\$ 12.36	50,667	D

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Cmmmon Stock	07/02/2010	M	5,000	A	\$ 18.11	55,667	D
Common Stock	07/02/2010	S	17,404 (1)	D	\$ 35	38,263	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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 17.48	07/01/2010		M		35,000		<u>(2)</u>	06/11/2015	common stock	35,000
Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 8.82	07/01/2010		M		596		<u>(3)</u>	05/17/2016	common stock	596
Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 8.82	07/02/2010		M		5,904		<u>(3)</u>	05/17/2016	common stock	5,904
Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 12.36	07/02/2010		M		6,500		<u>(4)</u>	06/28/2016	common stock	6,500
Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 18.11	07/02/2010		M		5,000		<u>(5)</u>	06/07/2014	common stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Signatures

Gregory A. Robbins,
Attorney-in-fact
07/06/2010

__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).
- (1) Represents securities sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) The option was granted on June 12, 2008 and became exercisable with respect to 1/3 of such shares on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (3) The option was granted on May 18, 2009 and became exercisable with respect to 1/3 of such shares on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (4) The option was granted on June 29, 2009 and became exercisable with respect to 1/3 of such shares on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (5) The option was granted on June 8, 2007 and became exercisable with respect to 1/3 of such shares on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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