

KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS INC

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

**FORM 11-K  
FOR ANNUAL REPORTS OF EMPLOYEE STOCK  
REPURCHASE SAVINGS AND SIMILAR PLANS  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

(Mark One)

**Annual Report Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007**

**OR**

**Transition Report Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.  
Commission File Number 1-9965**

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

**KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS, INC.**

**RETIREMENT SAVINGS TRUST AND PLAN**

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

**KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS, INC.**

**28775 AURORA ROAD**

**CLEVELAND, OHIO 44139**

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RETIREMENT SAVINGS TRUST  
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE  
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Participants and Administrator  
of the Keithley Instruments, Inc.  
Retirement Savings Trust and Plan

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for plan benefits for Keithley Instruments, Inc. Retirement Savings Trust and Plan as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, the related statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year ended December 31, 2007, and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2007. These financial statements and supplemental schedule are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and supplemental schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes, examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and supplemental schedule referred to above present fairly, in all material aspects, the net assets available for plan benefits of the Keithley Instruments, Inc. Retirement Savings Trust and Plan as of

December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year ended December 31, 2007, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ SS&G Financial Services, Inc.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Cleveland, Ohio

June 16, 2008

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**KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS, INC.**  
**RETIREMENT SAVINGS TRUST AND PLAN**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

	2007	2006
Investments, at fair value (See Note 3)	\$ 53,963,753	\$ 49,916,840
Participant loans	232,616	117,858
 Total investments	 54,196,369	 50,034,698
 Receivables:		
Employer contribution	42,956	426,927
Participant contributions	221,387	247,249
Dividends and interest	19,164	14,417
 Total receivables	 283,507	 688,593
 Net assets available for plan benefits	 \$ 54,479,876	 \$ 50,723,291

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS, INC.**  
**RETIREMENT SAVINGS TRUST AND PLAN**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:	
Net appreciation of investments	\$ 935,646
Dividends and interest	2,517,885
Total investment income	3,453,531
Contributions:	
Employer	445,786
Participants	3,278,014
Rollovers	331,535
Total contributions	4,055,335
Total additions	7,508,866
Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Distributions to participants	(3,749,267)
Other distributions	(3,014)
Total deductions	(3,752,281)
Net increase	3,756,585
Net assets available for plan benefits at beginning of year	50,723,291
Net assets available for plan benefits at end of year	\$ 54,479,876

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**NOTE 1 PLAN DESCRIPTION:**

The following description of the Keithley Instruments, Inc. Retirement Savings Trust and Plan (the Plan ) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan s provisions.

**Participation**

The Plan is a defined contribution plan, established on January 1, 1988, covering all domestic employees of Keithley Instruments, Inc. and its participating subsidiaries (the Company ) that have attained age twenty-one. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) as amended.

**Administration**

The Plan is administered by the Company (the Administrator ). The administration of the Plan includes exercising all necessary powers as provided by the Plan to interpret and apply the Plan provisions. The Company has the right to settle claims or debts and to defend any claims arising from the operation of the Plan. The Charles Schwab Trust Company ( Schwab ) is the trustee and acts as the custodian of the Plan.

**Contributions**

Participants may elect to contribute up to 25% of their compensation and have the option of contributing their profit sharing award, if any, on a pre-tax basis subject to certain limitations of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Company provides a base matching contribution equal to 25% on the first 6% contributed by the participant and may provide an additional discretionary supplemental match, based on the financial performance of the Company, of up to an additional 25% on the first 6% contributed by the participant. The Company elected to match 25% and 45% of each dollar of pre-tax contributions up to 6% of participants compensation for 2007 and 2006, respectively. The Company s Board of Directors has complete discretion to determine its matching contribution, if any, each year. The Company may make additional supplemental profit sharing contributions to the Plan. All eligible U.S. employees, as defined, may receive these profit sharing contributions if they are actively employed as of December 31. No additional supplemental profit sharing contributions were made to the Plan during 2007.



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**Participant accounts**

Each participant has two separate accounts under each fund in which contributions have been invested on behalf of the participant. One account represents the participant's contributions and earnings thereon ( Participant Account ) and the other account represents the employer's contributions, made on behalf of the respective participant, and the earnings thereon ( Employer Account ). Forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested employer account balances are used to reduce future employer contributions.

Net assets available for Plan benefits of \$3,522 and \$39,915 were not allocated to participants' accounts at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, due to forfeitures during each Plan year.

**Vesting**

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus earnings thereon. Vesting of the employer contributions begins at the conclusion of one year of service and vests ratably based on years of service. A participant is 100% vested after three years of credited service.

**Payment of benefits**

Upon termination of service, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of his or her account, or installment payments. In the case of a severe financial hardship, the Administrator, at its sole discretion, may direct distribution of all or a portion of a participant's account, subject to certain restrictions.

**Participant loans**

In the case of a financial hardship as defined by the Plan, a participant may apply to the Administrator for a loan. The Administrator, in accordance with a uniform, nondiscriminatory policy, may direct the custodian to make a loan to a participant from their before-tax contribution account, subject to certain restrictions. Loans outstanding as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, bear interest rates ranging from 6.0% to 10.25% per annum.

**Termination provisions**

The Company anticipates and believes that the Plan will continue; however, the Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time by an action of its Board of Directors. In the event of termination of the Plan, the assets then remaining will be allocated and distributed to participants in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Plan.

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**NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies of the Plan as sponsored by the Company.

**Basis of accounting**

The accompanying financial statements are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for Plan benefits and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in net assets available for Plan benefits during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Benefit distributions**

Distributions are recognized during the period in which they are paid to a Plan participant.

**Investment valuation and income recognition**

All investment accounts are included in the financial statements at fair value determined by quoted market prices as reported to the Plan by Schwab. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a settlement date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The Plan presents in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Plan Benefits the net appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of its investments, which consists of the realized gains or losses and the unrealized appreciation or depreciation on those investments.

**Administrative expenses**

Administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company, except for Personal Choice Retirement Account fees and other specific fund expenses.

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**Risks and uncertainties**

The Plan provides for various investment options through the use of mutual funds and personal choice brokerage accounts. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate and market fluctuations. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, as well as the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of the investment securities, it is possible that changes in the near term could materially affect participants account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ( SFAS 157 ). SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements. The adoption of SFAS 157 will not have a material impact on the Plan s financial statements, but will expand the amount of disclosures in the Plan s financial statements. SFAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The Administrator is currently evaluating the impact of implementing SFAS 157 on the financial statements.

**NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS:**

The mix of funds available to participants for investment purposes allows for ease in participant selections and provides for appropriate diversification. A total of 19 funds are available to participants for investment purposes. Schwab manages the distribution of assets among funds and provides record keeping services. Additionally, participants may choose to invest in any stock listed on a major U.S. exchange, mutual funds, bonds and other fixed-income investments, and money market funds through the use of a Personal Choice Retirement Account.

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The following table presents the fair value of the individual investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets:

	December 31,	
	2007	2006
Allianz RCM Global Technology	\$ 3,260,929	\$ 2,372,240
Dreyfus Midcap Index Fund	3,107,027	2,750,006
EuroPacific Growth R3	5,164,671	3,757,628
Marsico Focus Fund	5,681,087	5,917,431
Schwab S&P 500 Fund	7,492,847	7,404,044
Schwab Stable Value Fund	6,492,992	7,298,666
T. Rowe Price New Horizons Fund	2,791,133	2,758,124

**Investments**

The Plan has adopted FASB Staff Position, FSP AAG INV-1 and SOP 94-4-1, Reporting of Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts Held by Certain Investment Companies Subject to the AICPA Investment Company Guide and Defined-Contribution Health and Welfare and Pension Plans (the "FSP"). The FSP requires that investment contracts held by a defined-contribution plan be reported at fair value. However, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of net assets available for benefits of a defined-contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The contract value approximates the fair value for the Plan's investment in fixed investment accounts. As a result, the adoption of the FSP had no material effect on the Plan.

**NOTE 4 FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS:**

On July 17, 2002, the Internal Revenue Service advised that the Plan, as amended, is qualified and the trust thereunder is exempt from federal income tax pursuant to Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan's Administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

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**NOTE 5 PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS:**

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Plan held shares of mutual funds managed by an affiliate of The Charles Schwab Trust Company, Trustee to the Plan. In addition, at December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Plan held 8,071 and 4,724 shares of Keithley Instruments, Inc. Common Stock, valued at \$78,131 and \$62,121, respectively. Transactions involving these investments are allowable party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

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Schedule I

KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS, INC.  
EIN # 34-0794417  
PLAN NUMBER 003  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS TRUST AND PLAN  
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
December 31, 2007

(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)
	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rates of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	Current value
	Mutual Funds:		
	Allianz RCM Global Technology	Registered Investment Co.	\$ 3,260,929
	Cohen & Steers Realty Shares	Registered Investment Co.	853,191
	Dreyfus Midcap Index Fund	Registered Investment Co.	3,107,027
	Eaton Vance Income Fund	Registered Investment Co.	1,086,369
	EuroPacific Growth R3	Registered Investment Co.	5,164,671
	Heartland Value Fund	Registered Investment Co.	1,089,860
	Marsico Focus Fund	Registered Investment Co.	5,681,087
	PIMCO Total Return Fund Class D	Registered Investment Co.	2,617,393
*	Schwab Managed Retirement 2010	Common/Collective Trust	536,983
*	Schwab Managed Retirement 2020	Common/Collective Trust	2,615,229
*	Schwab Managed Retirement 2030	Common/Collective Trust	883,296
*	Schwab Managed Retirement 2040	Common/Collective Trust	523,662
*	Schwab Managed Retirement	Common/Collective Trust	77,893
*	Schwab S&P 500 Fund	Registered Investment Co.	7,492,847
*	Schwab Stable Value Fund	Common/Collective Trust	6,492,992
*	Schwab Total Stock Market Index Fund	Registered Investment Co.	2,314,773
	T. Rowe Price New Horizons Fund	Registered Investment Co.	2,791,133
	Van Kampen Comstock Fund Class A	Registered Investment Co.	1,981,942
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund	Registered Investment Co.	2,324,129
	<b>Total Mutual Funds</b>		<b>50,895,406</b>
	Personal Choice Retirement Account:		
*	Keithley Instruments, Inc.		78,131
	Other Participant Directed Investments		2,990,216
	<b>Total Personal Choice Retirement Account</b>		<b>3,068,347</b>
*	Participant Loans	6.0% to 10.25%	232,616

Total Investments

\$ 54,196,369

(\*) Denotes an  
allowable party  
in interest

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**SIGNATURES**

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS, INC.  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS TRUST AND  
PLAN

(Name of Plan)

Date: June 16, 2008

/s/ Mark J. Plush  
Mark J. Plush  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
Keithley Instruments, Inc., Plan  
Administrator

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