

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC
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**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 *
BULMAN JOHN K

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)

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

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Exec VP, WW Sales

**VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC., 100
 SUNNYSIDE BOULEVARD,
 SUITE B**

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

WOODBURY, NY 11797

(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)	(A) or (D)	5. Amount or Price	6. Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/05/2006		M	10,000	A	\$ 15.48	11,534	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/05/2006		M	14,000	A	\$ 15.48	25,534	D
Common Stock, par	05/05/2006		S	10,000	D	\$ 27.1	15,534	D

value \$.01
per share
Common
Stock, par
value \$.01
per share

05/05/2006

S

14,000 D

\$
27.11

1,534

D

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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	24,000	<u>(1)</u> 03/31/2010	Common Stock	24,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BULMAN JOHN K
VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.,
100 SUNNYSIDE BOULEVARD, SUITE B
WOODBURY, NY 11797

Exec VP, WW Sales

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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