

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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 NEWSOME CHARLES B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1373 BOGGS DR

(Street)

MT AIRY, NC 27030

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [iisin]

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

01/29/2008

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/29/2008		M	4,000 A \$ 3.19	24,132	D	
Common Stock					88	I	Custodial Account
Common Stock					2,345	I	Restricted

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.19	01/29/2008		M	4,000	(1) 02/03/2008	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.18					(1) 02/19/2012	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.36					(1) 02/25/2013	Common Stock	7,200
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.06					(1) 02/16/2011	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.28					(1) 02/09/2009	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.19					(1) 02/01/2010	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.43					(1) 07/20/2014	Common Stock	7,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEWSOME CHARLES B 1373 BOGGS DR MT AIRY, NC 27030		X		

## Signatures

James F. Petelle for Charles B.  
Newsome

01/30/2008

\_\_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) Options are immediately exercisable upon grant.

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