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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Adda WOLTZ H O I	•	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIIN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
1373 BOGGS	DRIVE		(Month/Day/Year) 11/03/2011	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President and CEO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Nor	ı-De	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code		4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Ilisti. 4)	
Common Stock	11/03/2011		G	V	900	D	\$0	434,528	D	
Common Stock	11/30/2011		G	V	3,650	D	\$0	430,878	D	
Common Stock (2)								8,513	I	co-executor of Howard O. Woltz, Jr. Estate
Common Stock (2)								365,130	I	co-trustee of trusts established

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			by Howard O. Woltz, Jr.
Common Stock (2)	21,222	I	Custodial account for minor child
Common Stock (Restricted Stock Units)	91,210	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. Transac Code (Instr. 8		of Der Sect Acq (A) Disp of (I	ivative urities juired or posed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.72							<u>(1)</u>	08/08/2021	Common Stock	30,928
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.43							<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2021	Common Stock	25,597
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.16							<u>(1)</u>	08/09/2020	Common Stock	33,708
Stock Option (Right to	\$ 9.39							<u>(1)</u>	02/09/2020	Common Stock	32,468

8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr.

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Buy)					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.6	<u>(1)</u>	08/10/2019	Common Stock	23,962
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.55	<u>(1)</u>	02/10/2019	Common Stock	32,609
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.15	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2018	Common Stock	28,791
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.69	<u>(1)</u>	08/19/2018	Common Stock	15,957
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.11	(1)	02/13/2017	Common Stock	14,395
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.27	<u>(1)</u>	08/13/2017	Common Stock	11,878
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.26	<u>(1)</u>	08/14/2007	Common Stock	6,369
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.64	<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2016	Common Stock	9,144
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.12	<u>(1)</u>	03/04/2015	Common Stock	17,826
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.89	<u>(1)</u>	07/26/2015	Common Stock	11,532

Reporting Owners

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

WOLTZ H O III 1373 BOGGS DRIVE MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030

Chairman, President and CEO

Signatures

James F. Petelle for H. O. Woltz III 01/04/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- ** 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 vest 1/3 annually beginning one year from grant date.
 - In addition to the gifts on November 3 and November 30, 2011, this Form also reflects the beneficial interest H. O. Woltz III is deemed to
- (2) hold in the estate of his father, Howard O. Woltz, Jr., and in three trusts established by his father, following the death of his father on January 2, 2011. Mr. Woltz III disclaims beneficial interest in the shares held in the estate and in trust, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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