

Jafroodi Scot R
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Jafroodi Scot R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5532 GARDEN PARK LANE

(Street)

WINSTON SALEM, NC 27106

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIN]

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

02/21/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Chief Accounting Officer

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 (Restricted Stock Units) | 02/21/2012 | | A | | 2,106 | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 8,405 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.06 | 02/21/2012 | | A | 4,538 | (1) 02/21/2022 | Common Stock | 4,538 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.72 | | | | | (1) 08/08/2021 | Common Stock | 5,670 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.43 | | | | | (1) 02/08/2021 | Common Stock | 4,693 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.16 | | | | | (1) 08/09/2020 | Common Stock | 6,180 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) (Common Stock) | \$ 9.39 | | | | | (1) 02/09/2020 | Common Stock | 5,952 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.69 | | | | | (1) 08/19/2018 | Common Stock | 2,926 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 11.6 | | | | | (1) 08/10/2019 | Common Stock | 4,393 |

| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | | | | Stock |
|---|----------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.15 | <u>(1)</u> | 02/19/2018 | Common Stock 5,278 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 7.55 | <u>(1)</u> | 02/10/2019 | Common Stock 5,978 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.11 | <u>(1)</u> | 02/13/2017 | Common Stock 2,639 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.27 | <u>(1)</u> | 08/13/2017 | Common Stock 2,178 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Jafroodi Scot R 5532 GARDEN PARK LANE WINSTON SALEM, NC 27106 | | | Chief Accounting Officer | |

Signatures

James F. Petelle for Scot R.
Jafroodi

02/22/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** 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 1 year from grant date.

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