

PEELER JOHN R  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
PEELER JOHN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC  
[VECO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
VEECO INSTRUMENTS  
INC., TERMINAL DRIVE  
  
(Street)  
  
PLAINVIEW, NY 11803  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/14/2018  
  
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

**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code V	Amount or Price				
Common Stock	03/14/2018			A	24,810 (1)	A	\$ 0	396,246.0905 (2)	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)**

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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
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/14/2018		A	25,822 (3)	(3) (3)	Common Stock	25,822 (3)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PEELER JOHN R VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC. TERMINAL DRIVE PLAINVIEW, NY 11803	X		Chairman & CEO	

## Signatures

Gregory A. Robbins,  
Attorney-in-fact

03/16/2018

\*\*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) These shares were acquired pursuant to a restricted stock award under the Veeco Instruments Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and are subject to certain restrictions. Subject to the reporting person's continued service, these restrictions will lapse: i) 20% on the date which is twelve months from the date of grant, ii) 20% on the date which is eighteen months from the date of grant, iii) 20% on the date which is thirty months from the date of grant, iv) 20% on the date which is forty-two months from the date of grant, and v) 20% on the date which is forty-eight months from the date of grant.
- (2) Reflects a correction to the total number of shares owned (a reduction of 7,947 shares that was reported on 12/15/2017 but not reflected in Mr. Peeler's last filing on 2/23/2018).
- (3) Reflects performance-based restricted stock units ("PRSU") granted under the Plan. Subject to the reporting person's continued service and the achievement of three-year performance criteria (the "Criteria") specified in the award agreement, each PRSU represents the contingent right to receive one share of Veeco common stock. Awards can range from 25% to 150% of the reported PRSUs based on achievement of the Criteria. If the Criteria are not achieved, the award will be forfeited. Subject to having been earned, vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person on the date specified in the award agreement, but in no case earlier than the third anniversary of the grant date.

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