

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC
Form 8-K
August 21, 2007

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (*Date of earliest event reported*): **August 20, 2007**

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.

(*Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter*)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-16244

(Commission
File Number)

11-2989601

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

100 Sunnyside Boulevard, Suite B, Woodbury, New York 11797

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(516) 677-0200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 1 - Registrant's Business and Operations

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On August 20, 2007, Veeco Instruments Inc. (Veeco) entered into a Credit Agreement with HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as administrative agent (HSBC), and the lenders named therein (the New Credit Agreement). The New Credit Agreement amends and restates, and effectively replaces, the prior Credit Agreement, dated as of March 15, 2005, among Veeco, HSBC and the lenders named therein (the Prior Credit Agreement).

The New Credit Agreement provides for revolving credit borrowings of up to \$100.0 million. The annual interest rate under the New Credit Agreement is a floating rate equal to the prime rate of the agent bank. A LIBOR based interest rate option is also provided. Borrowings may be used for general corporate purposes, including working capital requirements and acquisitions. The New Credit Agreement contains certain restrictive covenants substantially similar to those of the Prior Credit Agreement. These include limitations with respect to the incurrence of indebtedness, the payment of dividends, long-term leases, investments, mergers, acquisitions, consolidations and sales of assets. The Company is required to satisfy certain financial tests under the New Credit Agreement substantially similar to those of the Prior Credit Agreement. Substantially all of the assets of the Company and its material domestic subsidiaries, other than real estate, have been pledged to secure the Company's obligations under the New Credit Agreement. The revolving credit facility under the New Credit Agreement expires on March 31, 2012.

The information in this report shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, nor shall it or they be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.

August 21, 2007

By: /s/ Gregory A. Robbins
Gregory A. Robbins
Senior Vice President and General Counsel