

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC
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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 *
KANIA DON R

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President and COO

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC., 100
SUNNYSIDE BOULEVARD,
SUITE B

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

WOODBURY, NY 11797

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	07/31/2006		M	40,000	A	\$ 21.36	60,438	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	07/31/2006		S	40,000	D	\$ 22.28	20,438	D
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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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 21.36	07/31/2006		M	40,000	<u>(2)</u> 07/27/2011	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KANIA DON R
VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.,
100 SUNNYSIDE BOULEVARD, SUITE B
WOODBURY, NY 11797

President
and COO

Signatures

Gregory A. Robbins,
Attorney-in-fact 08/01/2006

__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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(1) Represents the average sale price for sales of this security on the date shown. Actual sale prices ranged from \$22.25 to \$22.33 per share.

(2) The original grant provided that the option would become exercisable in 33 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date (July 28, 2004). On April 12, 2005, the Compensation Committee of Veeco's Board of Directors approved the acceleration of vesting of all unvested stock options granted prior to September 1, 2004 which were then out-of-the money (exercise price greater than \$15.26).

Remarks:

Dr. Kania has resigned from his position as President and Chief Operating Officer of Veeco Instruments Inc. effective August

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