

KIERNAN JOHN P
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
KIERNAN JOHN P

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)
**VEECO INSTRUMENTS
 INC., TERMINAL DRIVE**
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
05/18/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP Finance & Corp. Controller

PLAINVIEW, NY 11803

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/18/2011		F	966 ⁽¹⁾ D	\$ 51.64	14,638	D
Common Stock	05/18/2011		M	4,583 A	\$ 8.82	19,221	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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