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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC. To Be Held On: May 3, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. (ET) 333 South Service Road, Plainview, New York 11803 This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. To facilitate timely delivery please make the request as instructed below before April 23, 2019. Please visit <http://www.veeco.com>, where the following materials are available for view: • Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders • Proxy Statement • Form of Electronic Proxy Card • Annual Report on Form 10-K TO REQUEST MATERIAL: TO VOTE: TELEPHONE: 1-800-322-2885 ONLINE: To access your online proxy card, please visit [www.voteproxy.com](http://www.voteproxy.com) and follow the on-screen instructions or scan the QR code with your smartphone. You may enter your voting instructions at [www.voteproxy.com](http://www.voteproxy.com) up until 11:59 PM Eastern Time the day before the cut-off or meeting date. IN PERSON: You may vote your shares in person by attending the Annual Meeting. To obtain directions, please call 516-677-0200. TELEPHONE: To vote by telephone, please visit [www.voteproxy.com](http://www.voteproxy.com) to view the materials and to obtain the toll free number to call. MAIL: You may request a card by following the instructions above. INCENTIVE PLAN PLAN 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: NOMINEES: William J. Miller, Ph.D. Class I director John R. Peeler Class I director Thomas St. Dennis Class I director Please note that you cannot use this notice to vote by mail. 2. APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF VEECO'S 2010 STOCK 3. APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO VEECO'S 2016 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE 4. APPROVAL OF THE ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION 5. RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2019 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF ALL DIRECTOR NOMINEES AND "FOR" PROPOSALS 2, 3, 4 AND 5. COMPANY NUMBER ACCOUNT NUMBER CONTROL NUMBER

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