Munch Mark Robert Form 4 April 23, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Munch Mark Robert

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

[VECO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

VEECO INSTRUMENTS

(Month/Day/Year) 04/21/2010

below) below) EVP, M&I

INC., TERMINAL DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

PLAINVIEW, NY 11803

(City)

| (City) | (State) (| 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 for(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 04/21/2010 | | M | 6,667 | A | \$ 15.24 | 53,855 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/21/2010 | | S | 4,367 (1) | D | \$ 47.89 (3) | 49,488 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/21/2010 | | S | 2,300 (1) | D | \$ 48.73 (4) | 47,188 | 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)

| 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | Transaction Derivative Code Securities | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--|-----------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Stock Option (right to purchase) | \$ 15.24 | 04/21/2010 | | M | 6,667 | (2) | 02/04/2015 | Common Stock | 6,667 | |

Reporting Owners

| | | Relationships |
|------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Reporting Owner Name / | Address | |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Munch Mark Robert

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.

TERMINAL DRIVE EVP, M&I

PLAINVIEW, NY 11803

Signatures

Gregory A. Robbins, Attorney-in-fact 04/23/2010

**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) Represents securities sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) The option was granted on February 5, 2008 and became exercisable with respect to 1/3 of such shares on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

Reflects weighted average sale price. Actual sale prices ranged from \$47.30 to \$48.29 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request of the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares at each separate price.

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(4) provide, upon request of the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares at each separate price.

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