

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC
Form 8-K
May 20, 2011

**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): **May 19, 2011**

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.)

Terminal Drive, Plainview, New York 11803

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(516) 677-0200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

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

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On May 19, 2011, Veeco held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Meeting). At the meeting, stockholders approved the adoption of the Veeco Management Bonus Plan (the Plan). Under the Plan, bonuses may be made to officers and employees of Veeco, including the chief executive officer, chief financial officer and other named executive officers, according to criteria established by the Compensation Committee. The Plan is described in detail in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Company, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 14, 2011 (the Proxy Statement). The description of the Plan set forth above is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Plan, a copy of which is included as an appendix to the Proxy Statement and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The matters voted on at the Meeting were: (1) the election of three directors; (2) an advisory vote on executive compensation; (3) an advisory vote on the frequency of holding an advisory vote on executive compensation; (4) approval of the Veeco Management Bonus Plan; and (5) ratification of the Board's appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2011. As of the record date for the meeting, there were 40,667,798 shares of common stock outstanding, each of which was entitled to one vote with respect to each of the matters voted on at the meeting. Each of the directors up for reelection was reelected, the frequency of an advisory vote on executive compensation receiving the most votes was one year and each of the other matters was approved by the required number of votes on each such matter. The terms of each of the following directors continued after the meeting: Edward H. Braun, Richard A. D'Amore, Joel A. Elftmann, Roger D. McDaniel and John R. Peeler. The final voting results were as follows:

| Matter | For | Withheld | Broker Non-votes |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1. Election of Directors | | | |
| (a) Thomas Gutierrez | 25,285,885 | 171,217 | 5,774,824 |
| (b) Gordon Hunter | 25,284,648 | 172,454 | 5,774,824 |
| (c) Peter J. Simone | 19,467,527 | 5,989,575 | 5,774,824 |

| Matter | For | Against | Abstained | Broker Non-votes |
|---|------------|---------|-----------|------------------|
| 2. Approval of the advisory vote on executive compensation. | 24,845,751 | 568,738 | 42,613 | 5,774,824 |

| Matter | 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 Years | Abstain | Broker Non-votes |
|---|------------|---------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| 3. The frequency of holding an advisory vote on executive compensation. | 17,706,383 | 133,262 | 7,418,605 | 198,851 | 5,774,825 |

| Matter | For | Against | Abstained | Broker Non-votes |
|---|------------|---------|-----------|------------------|
| 4. Approval of the Veeco Management Bonus Plan. | 24,745,455 | 642,181 | 69,466 | 5,774,824 |
| 5. Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP | 30,623,716 | 553,507 | 54,703 | 0 |

SIGNATURES

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.

May 20, 2011

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.

By: */s/ Gregory A. Robbins*

Name: Gregory A. Robbins

Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel