

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC
Form SC 13D/A
February 03, 2003

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 1)

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

922417100

(CUSIP Number)

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January 8, 2003

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

FEI Company, an Oregon corporation

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO(S). OF ABOVE PERSON(S) (ENTITIES ONLY). 93-0621989

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)(a) ☐(b) ☐**3** SEC USE ONLY**4** SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS).

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5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)☐**6** CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION.

Oregon

NUMBER OF **7**

SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

-0-

BENEFICIALLY **8**

SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

-0-

EACH **9**

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

-0-

PERSON **10**

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

-0-

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON.

-0-

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- 12** CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
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- 13** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11).
- 0%
- 14** TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS).
- CO

Neither the filing of this Schedule 13D nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission by FEI Company that it is the beneficial owner of any of the Common Stock of Veeco Instruments Inc. referred to herein for the purposes of Section 13(d) of the Act, or for any other purpose, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed.

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This Statement constitutes Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D filed July 22, 2002, by FEI Company, an Oregon corporation (FEI). Only those items which are hereby reported are amended. All other items remain unchanged. All capitalized terms shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Schedule 13D as amended to date, unless otherwise indicated herein.

ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

Item 3 is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

On January 8, 2003, FEI, Veeco Instruments Inc., a Delaware corporation (Veeco) and Venice Acquisition Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Veeco (Venice Acquisition) entered into a Termination Agreement (the Termination Agreement) pursuant to which FEI, Veeco and Venice Acquisition terminated the Merger Agreement. Pursuant to such Termination Agreement, the termination will be effected without a termination fee and FEI, Veeco and Venice Acquisition have agreed to release each other and other interested parties from substantially all rights, obligations, liabilities and claims in connection with the Merger Agreement. The termination of the Merger Agreement terminates the voting agreements pursuant to which FEI was entitled to vote certain shares of Veeco common stock.

The Termination Agreement is incorporated by reference as Exhibit 2.4 to this Statement and the Joint Press Release issued on January 9, 2003 by FEI and Veeco in connection with the Termination Agreement is incorporated by reference as Exhibit 2.5 to this Statement.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION.

Item 4 is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

On January 8, 2003, FEI, Veeco and Venice Acquisition entered into the Termination Agreement pursuant to which FEI, Veeco and Venice Acquisition terminated the Merger Agreement. Pursuant to such Termination Agreement, the termination will be effected without a termination fee and FEI, Veeco and Venice Acquisition have agreed to release each other and other interested parties from substantially all rights, obligations, liabilities and claims in connection with the Merger Agreement. The termination of the Merger Agreement terminates the voting agreements pursuant to which FEI was entitled to vote certain shares of Veeco common stock.

The officers and directors of Veeco shall not change as a result of the Merger Agreement or the proposed merger, which have been terminated pursuant to the Termination Agreement.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

Item 5 is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

(a), (b) and (c) As a result of the Termination Agreement, as of January 8, 2003, FEI does not beneficially own any shares of Veeco's Common Stock.

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

Item 6 is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

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ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.

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Item 7 is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

Exhibit

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2.4(1)	Termination Agreement, dated January 8, 2003, by and among FEI Company, Veeco Instruments Inc. and Venice Acquisition Corp.
2.5(2)	Joint Press Release on January 9, 2003 by FEI Company and Veeco Instruments Inc. announcing the termination of the Merger Agreement.

(1) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to FEI's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 9, 2003.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 3, 2003

FEI COMPANY

By: /s/ Bradley J. Thies

Name:

Bradley J. Thies

Title:

Vice President and General Counsel

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