

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC
Form 8-K
October 30, 2009

**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): **October 28, 2009**

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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On October 28, Veeco Instruments Inc. (Veeco) entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the Underwriting Agreement) with Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., as Representatives of the several underwriters named in Schedule II thereto (collectively, the Underwriters), for the sale of 5,000,000 shares of Veeco s common stock at a price to the public of \$23.75 per share pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-162669). In addition, the Underwriters have an option to purchase up to an additional 750,000 shares of Veeco s common stock on the same terms for 30 days from the date of the Underwriting Agreement, solely to cover over-allotments. The offering is expected to close on November 3, 2009, subject to customary closing conditions. The above description of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 1.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Morrison & Foerster LLP, counsel to Veeco, has issued an opinion to Veeco, dated October 28, 2009 regarding the legality of the issuance and sale of its common stock in the offering. A copy of the opinion as to legality is filed as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

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1.1	Underwriting Agreement among Veeco Instruments Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., Piper Jaffray & Co. and Canaccord Adams Inc.
5.1	Opinion of Morrison & Foerster LLP
23.1	Consent of Morrison & Foerster LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 above)

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.

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.

October 29, 2009

By: /s/ Gregory A. Robbins
Gregory A. Robbins
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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