

PECHOTA GARY L
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PECHOTA GARY L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1373 BOGGS DRIVEW
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/14/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/14/2009 | 01/14/2009 | M | 4,000 A \$ 3.28 | 22,051 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,587 | I | Restricted |

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)

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| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 0 | 01/14/2009 | 01/14/2009 | M | 4,000 | 02/09/1999 02/09/2009 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 4.19 | | | | | 02/01/2000 02/01/2010 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 5.43 | | | | | 07/20/2004 02/20/2014 | Common Stock | 7,200 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PECHOTA GARY L 1373 BOGGS DRIVEW MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030 | | X | | |

Signatures

James F. petelle for Gary L. Pechota 01/15/2009
 ___Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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