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

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FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check one): o Form 10-K o Form 20-F o Form 11-K x Form 10-Q o Form 10-D

o Form N-SAR o Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: September 30, 2012

o Transition Report on Form 10-K

o Transition Report on Form 20-F

o Transition Report on Form 11-K

o Transition Report on Form 10-Q o Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period Ended:

Read Instructions (on back page) Before Preparing Form. Please Print or Type.

Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

PART I REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Veeco Instruments Inc.

Full Name of Registrant

N/A

Former Name if Applicable

Terminal Drive

Address of Principal Executive Office (Street and Number)

Plainview, New York 11803

City, State and Zip Code

PART II RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

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If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
 - (c) The accountant s statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

Veeco Instruments Inc. (the Registrant) is unable to file, without unreasonable effort or expense, its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2012 (the Registrant s 10-Q). Additional time is needed because the Registrant is in the process of evaluating the timing of the recognition of revenue on the sale of certain Metal Organic Chemical Vapor Deposition (MOCVD) systems and related upgrades to these systems.

The products which are the subject of these transactions were delivered, accepted and paid for in full and revenue was recognized on these transactions in prior periods. We are conducting further analysis to determine whether the revenue was recognized in the appropriate accounting period.

The Registrant continues to work with its independent auditor, Ernst & Young LLP, to address these matters. If the Registrant is required to change the timing of its recognition of any revenue, there could be a shift in revenue between accounting periods. These shifts in revenue could constitute material changes to the Registrant s results of operations and financial condition for various periods.

The Registrant intends to file the Registrant s 10-Q as soon as reasonably practicable after these accounting matters have been addressed.

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PART IV OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

David D. Glass
(Name)

516
(Area Code)

677-0200 (Telephone Number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s).

x Yes o No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

o Yes x No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

Veeco Instruments Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date November 15, 2012

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

INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative s authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).