

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM SD**

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**SPECIALIZED DISCLOSURE REPORT**

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**VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.**

(Exact name of the registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**0-16244**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**11-2989601**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**Terminal Drive, Plainview, New York 11803**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**Gregory A. Robbins (516) 677-0200**

(Name and telephone number, including area code, of the  
person to contact in connection with this report.)

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Check the appropriate box to indicate the rule pursuant to which this form is being filed, and provide the period to which the information in this form applies:

Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13p-1) for the reporting period from January 1 to December 31, 2015.

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**Section 1 - Conflict Minerals Disclosure**

**Item 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report**

Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 provides that a company must file this specialized disclosure report if it manufactures, or contracts to manufacture, products for which one or more conflict minerals are necessary to the functionality or production of the company's products. Rule 13p-1 defines conflict minerals as (i) columbite-tantalite (or coltan), cassiterite, gold and wolframite, or their derivatives, which are currently limited to tantalum, tin and tungsten; or (ii) any other mineral or its derivatives determined by the U.S. Secretary of State to be financing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or an adjoining country. As specified under Rule 13p-1, Veeco Instruments Inc. conducted in good faith a reasonable country of origin inquiry that we believe was reasonably designed to determine whether any of the necessary conflict minerals contained in our products manufactured in calendar year 2015 originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or an adjoining country, or were from recycled or scrap sources. Our Conflict Minerals Report, which discusses this inquiry and other information, is provided as an exhibit to this report and is also publicly available on our website at <http://ir.veeco.com/financial-information/sec-filings>.

**Item 1.02 Exhibit**

Our Conflict Minerals Report is attached as Exhibit 1.01 to this report.

**Section 2 - Exhibits**

**Item 2.01: Exhibits**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                                 |
|--------------------|--|
| 1.01               | Conflict Minerals Report of Veeco Instruments Inc. |

**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.**

May 25, 2016

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

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