VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC Form 8-K August 25, 2010

# 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): August 24, 2010

## VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-16244 11-2989601

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer Identification No.)
of incorporation) File Number)

Terminal Drive, Plainview, New York 11803

(Address of principal executive offices)

#### (516) 677-0200

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

#### Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01 Other Events

On August 24, 2010, Veeco Instruments Inc. ( Veeco ) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors had authorized the repurchase of up to \$200 million of Veeco s common stock over the next year. Repurchases are expected to be made from time to time on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions in accordance with applicable federal securities laws. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit** Description

99.1 Press release issued by Veeco dated August 24, 2010

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#### **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.

August 25, 2010 By: /s/ Gregory A. Robbins

Gregory A. Robbins

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit | Description   |
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