

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 17, 2002

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

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### FORM 8-K

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#### CURRENT REPORT

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Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **December 16, 2002**

## 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.)*

**100 Sunnyside Boulevard, Woodbury, New York**  
*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**11797**  
*(Zip Code)*

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(516) 677-0200**

**Not applicable.**

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

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#### Item 5. Other Events

On December 16, 2002, Veeco Instruments Inc. and FEI Company issued a joint press release relating to the merger between the parties. The joint press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

99.1 Joint press release of FEI Company and Veeco Instruments Inc., issued on December 16, 2002.

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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.

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Dated: December 17, 2002

**VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.**

By: /s/ GREGORY A. ROBBINS

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Name: Gregory A. Robbins  
Title: Vice President and General Counsel

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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