

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**

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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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