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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Jafroodi Scot R Issuer Symbol INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIIN] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 1373 BOGGS DRIVE 02/13/2018 below) below) Chief Accounting Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030 Person (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common Stock 02/13/2018 926 \$0 D Α Α 7.417 (Restricted Stock Units) Common 22,957 D Stock

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	tio	5. Numb of Deriv Securition Acquire (A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)	rivative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) red		Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.69	02/13/2018		A		2,629		<u>(1)</u>	02/13/2028	Common Stock	2,629
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.75							<u>(1)</u>	08/07/2027	Common Stock	2,951
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.16							<u>(1)</u>	08/09/2020	Common Stock	5,282
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.06							<u>(1)</u>	02/07/2027	Common Stock	2,013
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.49							<u>(1)</u>	08/11/2026	Common Stock	2,377
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.95							<u>(1)</u>	02/11/2026	Common Stock	3,165
Stock Optin (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.05							<u>(1)</u>	08/17/2025	Common Stock	4,211
Stock Option (Right to	\$ 21.96							<u>(1)</u>	02/17/2025	Common Stock	3,548

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Buy)					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.5	<u>(1)</u>	08/12/2024	Common Stock	3,890
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.08	<u>(1)</u>	02/12/2024	Common Stock	3,968
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.22	<u>(1)</u>	08/12/2023	Common Stock	3,957
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.45	<u>(1)</u>	02/12/2023	Common Stock	3,835
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.23	<u>(1)</u>	08/21/2022	Common Stock	6,044
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.06	<u>(1)</u>	02/21/2022	Common Stock	4,538
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.72	<u>(1)</u>	08/08/2021	Common Stock	5,670
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.43	<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2021	Common Stock	4,693

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director 10% Owner		Officer	Other		
Jafroodi Scot R						
1373 BOGGS DRIVE			Chief Accounting Officer			
MOUNT AIRY NC 27030						

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Signatures

James F. Petelle for Scot R.
Jafroodi
02/14/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Options vest 1/3 annually beginning 1 year from grant date.

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