

PETELLE JAMES F
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PETELLE JAMES F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1373 BOGGS DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/27/2009

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2009 | | P | | 500 | A | \$ 5.97 |
| Common Stock (Restricted Stock Units) | | | | | 3,642 | | |
| Common Stock (Restricted) | | | | | 8,785 | I | Restricted |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.55 | | | | | (1) 02/10/2019 | | Common Stock | 5,978 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.15 | | | | | (1) 02/19/2018 | | Common Stock | 5,278 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.69 | | | | | (1) 08/19/2018 | | Common Stock | 2,926 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.11 | | | | | (1) 02/13/2017 | | Common Stock | 2,639 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.27 | | | | | (1) 08/13/2017 | | Common Stock | 2,178 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PETELLE JAMES F 1373 BOGGS DRIVE MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030 | | | Vice President | |

Signatures

James F. Petelle 02/27/2009

__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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