

Jafroodi Scot R  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Jafroodi Scot R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5532 GARDEN PARK LANE

(Street)

WINSTON SALEM, NC 27106

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIN]

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

02/21/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Chief Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 (Restricted Stock Units)	02/21/2012		A		2,106	A	\$ 0
Common Stock					8,405	D	

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.06	02/21/2012		A	4,538	(1) 02/21/2022	Common Stock	4,538
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.72					(1) 08/08/2021	Common Stock	5,670
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.43					(1) 02/08/2021	Common Stock	4,693
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.16					(1) 08/09/2020	Common Stock	6,180
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) (Common Stock)	\$ 9.39					(1) 02/09/2020	Common Stock	5,952
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.69					(1) 08/19/2018	Common Stock	2,926
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 11.6					(1) 08/10/2019	Common Stock	4,393

Stock Option (Right to Buy)				Stock	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.15	(1)	02/19/2018	Common Stock	5,278
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.55	(1)	02/10/2019	Common Stock	5,978
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
Jafroodi Scot R 5532 GARDEN PARK LANE WINSTON SALEM, NC 27106			Chief Accounting Officer	

## Signatures

James F. Petelle for Scot R.  
Jafroodi

02/22/2012

\*\*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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