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December 27, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE TO/A

(RULE 14d-100)

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

AMENDMENT NO. 4

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SPECTRA-PHYSICS, INC.  
(ISSUER) (NAME OF SUBJECT COMPANY)

SPECTRA-PHYSICS ACQUISITION, INC.  
(NAME OF FILING PERSON) (OFFEROR)

THERMO ELECTRON CORPORATION  
(NAME OF FILING PERSON) (OFFEROR)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE  
(TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)

CUSIP 883593 10 5  
(CUSIP NUMBER OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)

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(NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON AUTHORIZED  
TO RECEIVE NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS ON BEHALF OF FILING PERSONS)

WITH A COPY TO:

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE



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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7.        SOLE VOTING POWER  16,964,895
9.        SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  16,964,895	8.        SHARED VOTING POWER 0
10.       SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  0	
11.       AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  16,964,985	
12.       CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	__
13.       PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  93.6%	
14.       TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*  CO	

This Amendment No. 4 amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 16, 2001, as amended on December 7, 2001, December 14, 2001 and December 19, 2001 relating to the offer by Spectra-Physics Acquisition, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Purchaser") and a wholly owned subsidiary of Thermo Electron Corporation ("Thermo Electron"), a Delaware corporation, to purchase all outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), of Spectra-Physics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), that Thermo Electron and its subsidiaries do not currently own, at a purchase price of \$17.50 per Share net to the seller in cash, without interest thereon, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated November 16, 2001 (the "Offer to Purchase"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 12(a)(1), and in the related Letter of Transmittal (which, together with the Offer to Purchase, constitute the "Offer"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 12(a)(2). The information in the Offer to Purchase under the captions "Summary", "Introduction", "Special Factors", "The Tender Offer", "Material Federal Income Tax Consequences", "Price Range Of The Shares; Dividends", "Certain Information Concerning The Company", "Certain Information Concerning The Purchaser And Thermo Electron", "Source And Amount Of Funds" and "Fees And Expenses" and Schedules I, II and III to the Offer to Purchase are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9 AND ITEMS 11 AND 13.

Items 1 through 9 and Items 11 and 13 of the Schedule TO, which incorporate by reference the information contained in the Offer to Purchase, are hereby amended and supplemented by adding thereto the following:

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The Offer expired at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on Friday, December 21, 2001. Pursuant to the Offer, based upon a report from EquiServe Trust Company, L.P., the Purchaser acquired approximately 3,631,895 Shares. Following the acceptance for payment of such Shares, Thermo Electron Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries collectively own approximately 93.6% of the outstanding Shares.

On December 24, 2001, Thermo Electron issued a press release announcing the closing of the tender offer and affirming its intention to cause the Purchaser to merge with and into the Company in a short-form merger after February 22, 2002, when the restrictions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law relating to any merger involving Thermo Electron and the Company lapse. The full text of Thermo Electron's December 24, 2001 press release is attached as Exhibit (a) (13) hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 12.

Item 12 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

- (a) (13) Press Release issued by Thermo Electron on December 24, 2001.

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SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

SPECTRA-PHYSICS ACQUISITION, INC.

By: /s/ Theo Melas-Kyriazi

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Name: Theo Melas-Kyriazi  
TITLE: PRESIDENT

THERMO ELECTRON CORPORATION

By: /s/ Theo Melas-Kyriazi

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Name: Theo Melas-Kyriazi  
TITLE: VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF  
FINANCIAL OFFICER

Date: December 26, 2001

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EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
12(a) (1) *	Offer to Purchase dated November 16, 2001.
12(a) (2) *	Letter of Transmittal.

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- 12(a) (3) \* Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.
- 12(a) (4) \* Letter from the Dealer Manager to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Nominees.
- 12(a) (5) \* Letter to Clients for use by Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Nominees.
- 12(a) (6) \* Summary Advertisement as published on November 16, 2001.
- 12(a) (7) \* Guidelines for Certification of Taxpayer Identification Number on Substitute Form W-9.
- 12(a) (8) \* Press Release issued by Thermo Electron on August 21, 2001 (incorporated herein by reference from the Schedule TO-C filed by Thermo Electron filed with the Commission on August 21, 2001).
- 12(a) (9) \* Press Release issued by Thermo Electron on September 26, 2001 (incorporated herein by reference from the Schedule TO-C filed by Thermo Electron with the Commission on September 26, 2001).
- 12(a) (10) \* Press Release issued by Thermo Electron on November 6, 2001 (incorporated herein by reference from the Schedule TO-C filed by Thermo Electron with the Commission on November 6, 2001).
- 12(a) (11) \* Press Release issued by Thermo Electron on November 16, 2001.
- 12(a) (12) \* Press Release issued by Thermo Electron on December 17, 2001.
- 12(a) (13) Press Release issued by Thermo Electron on December 24, 2001.
- 12(b) Not applicable.
- 12(c) (1) \* Opinion of J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. dated November 6, 2001.
- 12(c) (2) \* Presentation of J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. to the Thermo Electron Board of Directors dated August 20, 2001.
- 12(c) (3) \* Presentation of J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. to the Thermo Electron Board of Directors dated November 6, 2001.
- 12(d) Not applicable.
- 12(e) Not applicable.
- 12(f) \* Summary of Appraisal Rights (included in Exhibit 12(a) (1) in the section captioned "The Merger; Appraisal Rights") and Schedule III to Exhibit 12(a) (1) "Section 262 of the Delaware General Corporation Law").
- 12(g) Not applicable.
- 12(h) Not applicable.

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\* Previously filed.