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FORM 4

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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 * Jafroodi Scot R				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIIN]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5532 GARDEN PARK LANE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2011				Director 10% Owner Selow) Chief Accounting Officer					
(Street) WINSTON SALEM, NC 27106			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc						ies Acq	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		emed ion Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price			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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock (Restricted Stock Units)	02/08/2011				A	2,212	A	\$ 0	14,156	D		
Common Stock									3,420	D		
Common Stock									4,114	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Numbor Deriv Securitic Acquire (A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	rative es d d of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.43	02/08/2011		A	4,693		<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2021	Common Stock	4,693
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.16						<u>(1)</u>	08/09/2020	Common Stock	6,180
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) (Common Stock)	\$ 9.39						<u>(1)</u>	02/09/2020	Common Stock	5,952
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.6						<u>(1)</u>	08/10/2019	Common Stock	4,393
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.55						<u>(1)</u>	02/10/2019	Common Stock	5,978
Incentive Stock	\$ 11.15						<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2018	Common Stock	5,278

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Option (right to buy)					
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.69	<u>(1)</u>	08/19/2018	Common Stock	2,926
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.11	<u>(1)</u>	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 Chief Accounting Officer WINSTON SALEM, NC 27106

Signatures

James F. Petelle for Scot R.

Jafroodi

02/09/2011

**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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