

KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**HOERSTEN MARK A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS INC [KEI]**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS, INC., 28775 AURORA ROAD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**10/27/2010**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**VP Business Management**

**SOLON, OH 44139**

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

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

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |   |
| Common Shares                   | 01/06/2010                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 10  | A   | \$ 4.552   | 6,225   | D |
| Common Shares                   | 04/06/2010                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 7   | A   | \$ 6.587   | 6,232   | D |
| Common Shares                   | 07/06/2010                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 18  | A   | \$ 8.98  | 6,250   | D |
| Common Shares                   | 10/05/2010                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 7   | A   | \$ 21.447  | 6,257   | D |
| Common Shares                   | 10/27/2010                           |  | M                              | 5,700 <sup>(2)</sup>  | A   | <u>2</u>   | 11,957  | D |

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Common Shares 10/27/2010 F 1,822<sup>(3)</sup> D \$ 21.53 10,135 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Share Option                        | \$ 18.41   |                                      |  |                                |   | 07/25/2003 <sup>(4)</sup> 07/24/2011                     | Common Shares 25,   |
| Common Share Option                        | \$ 13.76   |                                      |  |                                |   | 07/24/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 07/23/2012                     | Common Shares 30,   |
| Common Share Option                        | \$ 16.12   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/10/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> 07/18/2013                     | Common Shares 30,   |
| Common Share Option                        | \$ 18.75   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/15/2005 <sup>(6)</sup> 07/16/2014                     | Common Shares 25,   |
| Common Share Option                        | \$ 15.05   |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/04/2007 <sup>(4)</sup> 10/03/2015                     | Common Shares 8,8   |
| Common Share Option                        | \$ 14  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/30/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/30/2017                     | Common Shares 8,8   |
| Common Share Option                        | \$ 9.12  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/09/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> 11/09/2017                     | Common Shares 7,5   |
| Performance Award Unit                     | <u>(2)</u>   | 10/27/2010                           |  | M                              | 5,700<br><u>(2)</u>   | 09/30/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> <u>(2)</u>                     | Common Shares 5,7<br><u>(2)</u>                             |
| Common Stock Option                        | \$ 2.99  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/06/2011 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/06/2019                     | Common Shares 16,   |
| Restricted Unit Award                      | \$ 0   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(7)</u> <u>(7)</u>                                    | Common Shares 5,5   |
| Common Share Option                        | \$ 4.26  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/04/2011 <sup>(8)</sup> 12/04/2019                     | Common Shares 13,   |

|                        |      |                           |             |               |     |
|------------------------|------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----|
| Performance Award Unit | \$ 0 | 09/30/2012 <sup>(9)</sup> | <u>(9)</u>  | Common Shares | 6,0 |
| Restricted Unit Award  | \$ 0 | <u>(10)</u>               | <u>(10)</u> | Common Shares | 4,4 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| HOERSTEN MARK A<br>KEITHLEY INSTRUMENTS, INC.<br>28775 AURORA ROAD<br>SOLON, OH 44139 |               |           | VP Business Management |       |

## Signatures

Mark J. Plush,  
Attorney-in Fact

10/29/2010

  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) Acquired through Employee Stock Purchase and Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- Each Performance Award Unit represented the right to receive one common share. The number of units initially awarded was a target (as shown in Table II), and the actual number of units that vested and converted to shares (which could range from 0 shares to twice the target number of shares) was based upon: a) the Company's revenue growth as compared to a defined Peer Group and, b) the Company maintaining an acceptable level of profitability during the performance period which ended on September 30, 2010. Based on the Company's performance, the units converted into a number of shares equal to the target number.
- (2) Shares issuable upon vesting of Performance Award Units were withheld to settle associated tax liabilities.
- (3) Date reported applies to 50% of total, one-half of the balance is then exercisable in each succeeding year.
- (4) Option became fully vested on August 10, 2005
- (5) Option became fully vested on February 15, 2005
- (6) Restricted unit awards will become fully vested on February 6, 2013. Common shares represented by such vested restricted unit awards will be delivered promptly after such vesting date.
- (7) Date applies to 50% of total, remaining balance is exercisable the following year on anniversary date
- Each Performance Award Unit represents a right to receive one common share. The number of units comprising the initial award are adjusted (ranging from a maximum of twice the number of units comprising the initial award, to a minimum of no units), based on award program metrics that compare the Company's total shareholder return performance occurring during the Measurement Period to comparable total shareholder return performance reported by companies in the Russell Microcap Index. Awarded units earned based on these metrics as of September 30, 2012 (the vesting date) are converted to shares under the Plan and will be issued on or before December 31, 2012.
- (8) Restricted unit awards will become fully vested on December 4, 2013. Common Shares represented by such vested restricted unit awards will be delivered promptly after such vesting date.
- (9)
- (10)

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