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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.)

Veeco Instruments, Inc.

(Name of issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share (Title of class of securities)

922417100 (CUSIP number)

The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the notes).

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS

EQSF Advisers, Inc. (EIN 13-3354359)

2	CHECK THE APPROPRIA	TE BOX IF	A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) (b)	[x]
3	SEC USE ONLY				
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION				
	New Yor	k Corporat	ion		
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER		
			464,200		
	NUMBER OF				
	SHARES BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER		
	OWNED BY		None		
	EACH REPORTING	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
	PERSON		464,200		
	WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
			None		
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BE	NEFICIALLY	OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSO	ON	
	464,200				
10			OUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES	[]
11	PERCENT OF CLASS RE	PRESENTED	BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)		
	5.23%				
12	TYPE OF REPORTING P	ERSON*			

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*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

Martin J. Whitman

2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) [] (b) [X]
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	USA	

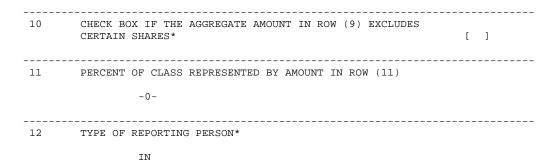
5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF		None (See Item 4)
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES		None
BENEFICIALLY		
OWNED BY		
EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		None (See Item 4)
PERSON WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

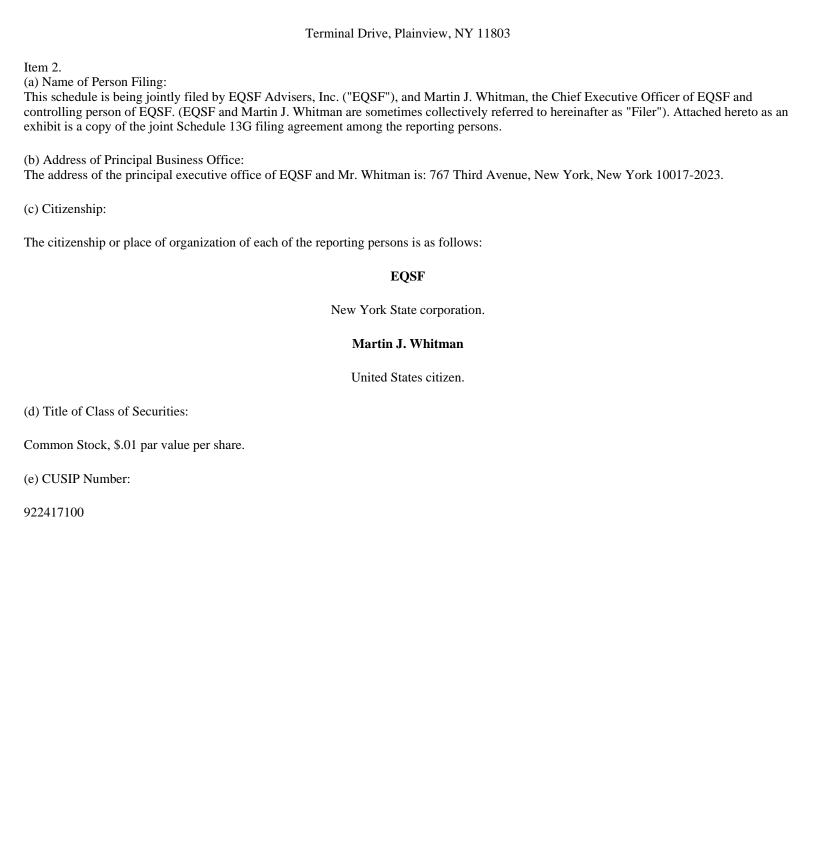
None

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

-0- (See Item 4)



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Item 1.

(a) Name of Issuer:

Veeco Instruments, Inc. (the "Issuer").

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

Item 3. If this statement is being filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or

13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:

(e) Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (EQSF).

Item 4. Ownership.

(a)&(b) EQSF beneficially owns 464,200 shares, or 5.23% of the class of securities of the issuer.

(c)(i) EQSF: 464,200

(ii) Not applicable.

(iii) EQSF: 464,200

(iv) Not applicable.

Mr. Whitman disclaims beneficial ownership of all such shares.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Third Avenue Value Fund, an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, has the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of, the shares reported by EQSF.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired

the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable 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.

February 12, 1998 (Date)

EQSF ADVISERS, INC.

By:/s/ MARTIN J. WHITMAN Martin J. Whitman Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

/s/MARTIN J. WHITMAN

Martin J. Whitman

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1 (f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby agree to the joint filing with all other Reporting Entities (as such term is defined in the Schedule 13G) on behalf of each of them of a statement on Schedule 13G (including amendments thereto) with respect to the Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share, of Veeco Instruments, Inc., and that this Agreement be included as an Exhibit to such joint filing. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereby execute this Agreement this 12th day of February, 1998.

EQSF ADVISERS, INC.

By:/s/ MARTIN J. WHITMAN Martin J. Whitman Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

/s/MARTIN J. WHITMAN

Martin J. Whitman

End of Filing



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