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### FORM 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Wagner Richa	Symbol INSTE	INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIIN]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 1373 BOGGS	(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) OGGS DRIVE 02/08/2011					Director 10% Owner Self-control of the process o					
	(Street) 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				
MOUNT AIR	RY, NC 27030							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								ılly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code		(A) or (A) or	<b>)</b> )	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	5,531	A	\$ 0	35,391	D			
Common Stock							13,467	D			
Common Stock (Restricted)							10,285	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	re s (A) sed 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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.43	02/08/2011		A	11,732		<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2021	Common Stock	11,732
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.16						<u>(1)</u>	08/09/2020	Common Stock	15,449
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) (Common Stock)	\$ 9.39						(1)	02/09/2020	Common Stock	14,881
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.6						<u>(1)</u>	08/10/2019	Common Stock	10,982
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.55						<u>(1)</u>	02/10/2019	Common Stock	14,946
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 11.15						<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2018	Common Stock	13,196

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(Right to Buy)					
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.69	<u>(1)</u>	08/19/2018	Common Stock	7,314
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.11	<u>(1)</u>	02/13/2017	Common Stock	6,598
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.27	(1)	08/13/2017	Common Stock	5,444
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.26	<u>(1)</u>	08/14/2016	Common Stock	2,841
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.12	<u>(1)</u>	03/04/2015	Common Stock	5,301
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.64	<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2016	Common Stock	4,080
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.89	<u>(1)</u>	07/26/2015	Common Stock	3,430

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Wagner Richard							
1373 BOGGS DRIVE			Vice President				
MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030							

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## **Signatures**

James F. Petelle for Richard T. Wagner 02/09/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- \* 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 one year from grant date.

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