INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

GAZMARIAN MICHAEL C

See Instruction

		INSTEE	INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIIN]				(Check all applicable)			
(Mor							Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President and CFO			
	(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 AI	RY, NC 27030						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of	(D)	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	02/25/2016		M	10,164	A		147,900	D		
Common Stock	02/25/2016		M	9,449	A	\$ 10.72	157,349	D		
Common Stock	02/25/2016		M	7,319	A	\$ 12.43	164,668	D		
Common Stock	02/25/2016		M	7,507	A	\$ 13.06	172,175	D		
Common Stock	02/25/2016		S	34,439	D	\$ 25.762	137,736	D		

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Common Stock (Restricted Stock Units)

20,760 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)	Code	TransactionDerivative		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)	\$ 10.23	02/25/2016		M		10,164	<u>(1)</u>	08/21/2022	Common Stock	10,164
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.72	02/25/2016		M		9,449	<u>(1)</u>	08/08/2021	Common Stock	9,449
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.43	02/25/2016		M		7,319	<u>(1)</u>	02/08/2021	Common Stock	7,319
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.06	02/25/2016		M		7,507	<u>(1)</u>	02/21/2022	Common Stock	7,507
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.16						<u>(1)</u>	08/09/2020	Common Stock	10,299
,	\$ 11.6						<u>(1)</u>	08/10/2019		7,321

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Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)				Common Stock	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.95	<u>(1)</u>	02/11/2026	Common Stock	7,911
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.05	<u>(1)</u>	08/17/2025	Common Stock	10,528
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.96	<u>(1)</u>	02/17/2025	Common Stock	8,871
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.5	(1)	08/12/2024	Common Stock	9,724
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.08	(1)	02/12/2024	Common Stock	9,921
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.22	(1)	08/12/2023	Common Stock	9,892
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.45	<u>(1)</u>	02/12/2023	Common Stock	9,589

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GAZMARIAN MICHAEL C							
1373 BOGGS DR			Vice President and CFO				
MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030							

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Signatures

James F. Petelle for Michael C. 02/26/2016 Gazmarian

**Signature of Reporting Person

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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).

Date

(1) Options vest 1/3 annually beginning one year from grant date.

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