

INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC  
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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 \*  
**GAZMARIAN MICHAEL C**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1373 BOGGS DR  
 (Street)

MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIN]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/19/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/19/2016		M	8,604 A \$ 7.55	146,340	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2016		M	10,299 A \$ 9.16	156,639	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2016		M	7,800 A \$ 9.39	164,439	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2016		M	6,502 A \$ 11.15	170,941	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2016		M	7,321 A \$ 11.6	178,262	D	

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Common Stock	02/19/2016	M	4,876	A	\$ 16.69	183,138	D
Common Stock	02/19/2016	M	824	A	\$ 17.11	183,962	D
Common Stock	02/19/2016	P	2,549	A	\$ 20.27	186,511	D
Common Stock	02/19/2016	S	48,775	D	\$ 25.3314	137,736	D
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)	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 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) (Common Stock)	\$ 9.39	02/19/2016		M	7,800	<u>(1)</u> 02/09/2020	Common Stock 7,800
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.55	02/19/2016		M	8,604	<u>(1)</u> 02/10/2019	Common Stock 8,604
	\$ 16.69	02/19/2016		M	4,876	<u>(1)</u> 08/19/2018	4,876

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Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)								Common Stock	
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.11	02/19/2016	M	824	<u>(1)</u>	02/13/2017		Common Stock	824
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.27	02/19/2016	M	2,549	<u>(1)</u>	08/13/2017		Common Stock	2,549
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.15	02/19/2016	M	6,502	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2018		Common Stock	6,502
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.16	02/19/2016	M	10,299	<u>(1)</u>	08/09/2020		Common Stock	10,299
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.6	02/19/2016	M	7,321	<u>(1)</u>	08/10/2019		Common Stock	7,321
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				<u>(1)</u>	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	(1)	02/12/2023	Common Stock	9,589
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.23	(1)	08/21/2022	Common Stock	15,110
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.06	(1)	02/21/2022	Common Stock	11,345
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.72	(1)	08/08/2021	Common Stock	14,175
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.43	(1)	02/08/2021	Common Stock	11,732

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

James F. Petelle for Michael C. Gazmarian  
02/22/2016

\_\_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 one year from grant date.

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