

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 \*  
 SAPONAS THOMAS 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)  
 28775 AURORA ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/08/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

SOLON, OH 44139  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price                                    |   |  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 12/08/2010                           |  | D <sup>(1)</sup>               | 39,715 D \$ 21.6  | 0   | 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)**

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| 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 |
| Phantom Stock Units                        | (2)  | 12/08/2010                           |  | D(3)                           | 25,580.03   | (3)  | (3)   | Common Stk | 25,580.03                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SAPONAS THOMAS A<br>28775 AURORA ROAD<br>SOLON, OH 44139 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Mark J. Plush,  
Attorney-in Fact  
Date: 12/10/2010

\*\*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) Disposed of pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of September 29, 2010 (the "Merger Agreement") by and among Danaher Corporation, Aegean Acquisition Corp. and the Issuer in exchange for the merger consideration of \$21.60 in cash per share.
- (2) Phantom shares were acquired on various dates (beginning 2/13/06) with prices ranging from \$3.2412 to \$15.59.  
The phantom stock units were accrued under the Keithley Instruments, Inc. Deferred Stock Plan and were to be settled in common stock or cash upon the retirement from the Board of the reporting person. The plan was terminated and liquidated at closing of the merger and,
- (3) under the Merger Agreement, the Phantom Stock Units were cancelled in exchange for the merger consideration of \$21.60 in cash per share.

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