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| GAZMARIAN MICHAEL C Sym | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIIN] | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
| (Last) | (First) (Midd | lle) 3. Date of E | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) 08/21/2015 | | | | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Vice President and CFO | | | |
| Filed(Month | | | dment, Date Original n/Day/Year) | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | |
| MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030 | | | | | | | F | | | |
| (City) | (State) (Zip | ⁽⁾ Table | I - Non-Dei | rivative Se | curiti | es Acq | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | · · · · | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code Disposed of (D) ear) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | |) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2015 | | F | 2,066 | D | \$ 18 | 142,346 | D | | |
| Common Stock (Restricted Stock Units) | | | | | | | 22,068 | 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Pri Deriv Secu (Instr |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| 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 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 02/12/2024 | Common Stock | 9,921 | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.22 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 08/12/2023 | Common Stock | 9,892 | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.45 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 02/12/2023 | Common Stock | 9,589 | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.23 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 08/21/2022 | Common Stock | 15,110 | |
| Stock Option (Right to | \$ 13.06 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 02/21/2022 | Common Stock | 11,345 | |

| Buy) | | | | | |
|--|----------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.72 | <u>(1)</u> | 08/08/2021 | Common Stock | 14,175 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.43 | <u>(1)</u> | 02/08/2021 | Common Stock | 11,732 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) (Common Stock) | \$ 9.39 | <u>(1)</u> | 02/09/2020 | Common Stock | 14,881 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.16 | (1) | 08/09/2020 | Common Stock | 15,449 |
| 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 (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.15 | <u>(1)</u> | 02/19/2018 | Common Stock | 13,196 |
| 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 | <u>(1)</u> | 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) | \$ 15.64 | (1) | 02/14/2016 | Common Stock | 4,080 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | s Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|----------------|---------|--|--|--|
| I B | 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 | | 08/2 | 24/2015 | | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | | 1 | Date | | | | |

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