# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER T	HE SECURITIES EXC	HANGE ACT OF 1934	
(AM	ENDMENT NO.	0 )	
	FARO TECHNO	LOGIES INC	
	(Name of Iss	uer)	
	Common Sto	ck	
(T	itle of Class of	Securities)	
	31164210		
	(CUSIP Numb	er)	
	AS OF MAY 3	1, 2004	
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(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*	CO, IA

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### ITEM 1.

- (a) NAME OF ISSUER: FARO TECHNOLOGIES INC
- (b) ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 125 Technology Park, Lake Mary, FL 32746-6204

### ITEM 2.

(a) NAME OF PERSON FILING: This statement is being filed by (i) Provident Investment Counsel Inc., a Massachusetts corporation and registered investment adviser ("IA"), and (ii) Robert M. Kommerstad, a shareholder of IA's predecessor, Provident Investment Counsel, a California corporation which was formerly a registered investment adviser ("Former IA"). IA is continuing the business of Former IA, and is a subsidiary of United Asset Management Corp, which is owned by Old Mutual Plc which became effective September, 2000. Pursuant to an Acquisition Agreement by and among UAM, Former IA and IA, IA acquired substantially all of the assets of Former IA on February 15, 1995. (the "Acquisition").

IA's beneficial ownership of the Common Stock is direct as a result of IA's discretionary authority to buy, sell, and vote shares of such Common Stock for its investment advisory clients. Mr. Kommerstad, as a result of the Acquisition, no longer has beneficial ownership of any of the common stock, and is no longer a reporting person.

(b) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:

IA's Principal Business Office is located at:

300 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101-4106.

(c) CITIZENSHIP:

IA is a Massachusetts corporation.

(d) TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

Class A Common Stock

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(e) CUSIP NUMBER:

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- ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b), OR 13d-2(b), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:
  - (a) / / Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act
  - (b) / / Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act
  - (c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act
  - (d) / / Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act
  - (e) /X/ Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers  $\mbox{\it Act}$
  - (f) / / Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund; see Section 240.13d-1(b) (1) (ii) (F)
  - (g) / / Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b) (ii) (G) (Note: See Item 7)
  - (h) / / Group, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b) (ii) (H)

### ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

- (a) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED: IA directly beneficially owns 718800 shares of Common Stock.
- (b) PERCENT OF CLASS: 5.3%
- (c) NUMBER OF SHARES AS TO WHICH SUCH PERSON HAS:
  - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

IA has the power to vote 686500 shares. No other person has the power to vote such shares.

IA has no power to vote 32300 shares for which it has dispositive power.

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

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(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

IA has the power to dispose all 718800 shares for which it has direct beneficial ownership. It does not share this power with any other person.

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

As a result of the Acquisition, Mr. Kommerstad no longer owns any of the common stock. See Item 2 above. IA's beneficial ownership is described in Item 4 above.

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

IA, a registered investment adviser, has the right or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from Common Stock, and to direct the receipt of proceeds from the sale of Common Stock to IA's investment advisory clients. No single investment advisory client of IA owns more than 5% of the Common Stock.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

Not applicable.

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# ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposed or effect.

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# SIGNATURE

JUNE 10, 2004

PROVIDENT INVESTMENT COUNSEL, INC.