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## FORM 4

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Washington, D.C. 20549

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| Instruction 1(b).                      |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br>COLELLA GERARD G                     |                    |           | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>MKS INSTRUMENTS INC</u> [MKSI] |                   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |                             |  |  |
|--|--------------------|-----------|---|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|--|
| COLELLA  | GERARD             | <u>1</u>  |   |                   | Director<br>Officer (give title   | 10% Owner<br>Other (specify |  |  |
| (Last)<br>SIX SHATTU   | (First)<br>CK ROAD | (Middle)  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>01/05/2004                          |                   | below)<br>VP Global Busines   | below)<br>ss Operations     |  |  |
| (Street)   |                    |           | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                | 6. Indiv<br>Line) | vidual or Joint/Group Filir   | ng (Check Applicable        |  |  |
| ANDOVER  | MA                 | 018102449 |   | X                 | Form filed by One Rep   | porting Person              |  |  |
| (City)   | (State)            | (Zip)     | -   |                   | Form filed by More that<br>Person                                       | an One Reporting            |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |                    |           |   |                   |   |                             |  |  |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code ( |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |               | Securities<br>Beneficially | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |          |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--------|---|---|---------------|----------------------------|---|---|----------|
|                                 |  |   | Code   | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price                      | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                                |   | (1150.4) |
| Common                          |  |   |        |   |   |               |                            | 24  | D   |          |

## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number 8. Price of 9. Number of 10. 11. Nature of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) Derivative Security (Instr. 3) Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security of Indirect Beneficial Conversion Execution Date, Transaction of derivative Ownership (Month/Day/Year) Derivative or Exercise if any Code (Instr. Securities Form: Price of (Month/Dav/Year) 8) Securities (Instr. 5) Beneficially Direct (D) Ownership Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Derivative Security Owned or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) and 5) Amount Expiration Number Date Code v (A) (D) Exercisable Date Title of Shares Stock Option 01/05/2004 \$29.93 A 7,000 01/05/2005 01/06/2014 Common 7,000 \$<mark>0</mark> 7.000 D (roght to buy) Stock Option 08/08/1988 \$27.11 11/13/2013 Common 28,000 28,000 D (right to buy) Stock Option **\$0.00**<sup>(1)</sup> 08/08/1988 08/08/1988 248,265 248.265 D Common (right to buy)

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock Option Grants include multiple vest dates.

By: POA / Joseph M. Tocci

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

01/06/2004

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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