FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1	ss of Reporting Perso		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MKS INSTRUMENTS INC</u> [MKSI]		tionship of Reporting F all applicable) Director	Perso X	n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner
(Lact) (Firet) (Middlo)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/18/2006				Other (specify below)
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	idual or Joint/Group F	iling (Check Applicable
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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. Transa Code (8)		Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
	Code		v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	08/18/2006		S		23,568	D	\$20.7929 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	4,394,447	Ι	Through a subsidiary
Common Stock	08/21/2006		s		22,994	D	\$20.579 ⁽³⁾	4,371,453	I	Through a subsidiary
Common Stock								1,065,182	D	

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. Transa Code (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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. The sales were effected in multiple transactions, at varying prices, on August 18, 2006, as follows and as described in Footnote 2 below: 100 shares at \$20.48; 284 at \$20.49; 716 at \$20.50; 100 at \$20.51; 800 at \$20.52; 73 at \$20.52; 73 at \$20.53; 100 at \$20.55; 400 at \$20.56; 100 at \$20.57; 100 at \$20.59; 300 at \$20.60; 200 at \$20.62; 400 at \$20.63; 200 at \$20.64; 100 at \$20.65; 500 at \$20.66; 300 at \$20.67; 400 at \$20.68; 400 at \$20.69; 600 at \$20.70; 600 at \$20.71; 400 at \$20.72; 726 at \$20.73; 74 at \$20.74; and 100 at \$20.75.

2. This footnote sets forth additional detail with respect to the transactions described in Footnote 1, as follows: 700 shares at \$20.76; 400 at \$20.77; 26 at \$20.78; 374 at \$20.79; 800 at \$20.80; 1,200 at \$20.81; 1,026 at \$20.82; 1,269 at \$20.83; 590 at \$20.84; 800 at \$20.85; 1,006 at \$20.86; 200 at \$20.87; 400 at \$20.88; 300 at \$20.89; 300 at \$20.91; 900 at \$20.92; 486 at \$20.93; 414 at \$20.94; 700 at \$20.95; 200 at \$20.97; 1,200 at \$20.97; 1,200 at \$20.98; 1,104 at \$20.99; and 1,000 at \$21.00. The weighted average sales price for these transactions was \$20.7929 per share.

3. The sales were effected in multiple transactions, at varying prices, on August 21, 2006, as follows: 200 shares at \$20.38; 100 at \$20.39; 400 at \$20.41; 500 at \$20.42; 200 at \$20.42; 200 at \$20.42; 200 at \$20.45; 500 at \$20.45; 500 at \$20.47; 274 at \$20.49; 898 at \$20.50; 1,002 at \$20.51; 1,055 at \$20.52; 545 at \$20.53; 300 at \$20.54; 700 at \$20.55; 600 at \$20.55; 600 at \$20.57; 1,300 at \$20.58; 1,000 at \$20.59; 1,300 at \$20.60; 2,100 at \$20.61; 2,598 at \$20.62; 1,302 at \$20.63; 700 at \$20.65; 1,100 at \$20.65; 1,100 at \$20.66; 300 at \$20.67; 1,033 at \$20.68; 200 at \$20.70; 100 at \$20.71; 400 at \$20.72; and 287 at \$20.73. The weighted average sales price for these transactions was \$20.579 per share.

<u>/s/ Timothy G. Westman,</u>	08/22/2006
Assistant Secretary	00/22/2000

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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