

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BERLINGHIERI LEO</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>2 TECH DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>ANDOVER MA 01810</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MKS INSTRUMENTS INC [MKSI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President and CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/17/2012</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/17/2012		M		5,400	A	\$29.93	42,337	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2012		S		3,200	D	\$32.048 ⁽¹⁾	39,137	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2012		M		3,200	A	\$27.11	42,337	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2012		S		5,400	D	\$32.038 ⁽²⁾	36,937	D	

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. 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 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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$29.93	02/17/2012		M			5,400	01/05/2005 ⁽³⁾	01/06/2014	Common Stock	5,400	\$0	9,600	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$27.11	02/17/2012		M			3,200	11/11/2004 ⁽⁴⁾	11/11/2013	Common Stock	3,200	\$0	31,800	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$32.00 to \$32.12 The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide, upon request, the full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
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- Vests 100% one year after grant
- 25% after first year, 6.25% each quarter thereafter - total 4 years.

/s/Renee M. Donlan POA 02/21/2012

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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